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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gestures as he makes a point at the Likud faction meeting in the Knesset yesterday, as Foreign Minister David Levy looks on. (Flash 90)

Levy to Netanyahu: Either Sharon is in or I quit cabinet

SARAH HONIG and LIAT COLLINS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met coalition representatives at midnight last night in an effort to find a speedy solution to the ongoing problem of Ariel Sharon's cabinet portfolio. The expectation in Likud circles was that a solution would be produced within hours.

But Levy's people claim that, after two weeks of virtually no progress in getting Sharon into the cabinet, it had become increasingly evident that Netanyahu was in no hurry and that many in the Likud would prefer to see Sharon left out. Given this, Levy had no choice but to continue pressing the move he had started when the government was sworn in.

Netanyahu rebuked Levy, saying that "delicate negotiations, Mr. Foreign Minister, ought not be conducted before the TV cameras. This is counterproductive. We will first consult among ourselves."

This followed a public ultimatum by Foreign Minister David Levy at a coalition parties' gathering in the Knesset yesterday morning. He threatened to quit if Sharon is not in the cabinet by Monday, when Netanyahu is due to fly to Washington to meet with US President Bill Clinton.

Levy's action appeared to force Netanyahu to conclude the Sharon affair without further delay, but those close to Netanyahu assert that the moves to establish the national infrastructure portfolio for Sharon were about to be successfully wrapped up anyway.

Netanyahu reaffirmed his desire to see Sharon in the cabinet. "not for his sake, but for the nation's. He has much to contribute and I hope he will."

Indyk: Syria shouldn't be treated as a rogue state

DAVID MAKOVSKY

IT would be a mistake to treat Syria as an outlaw state, as this could become a self-fulfilling prophecy and risk creating a "new axis of the rogue states across the region" - Iran, Iraq, and Libya, US Ambassador Martin Indyk told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. (Full interview in tomorrow's paper)

only for the sake of achieving real and lasting secure peace with Israel, but also in terms of our strategic interest in the region.

warned about the prospects of war and compared the new premier to Adolf Hitler. "They actually called Mr. [Shimon] Peres a fascist as well. This is not to dismiss it, but to suggest the Syrian press uses extreme language no matter which government is in power in Israel."

Netanyahu likely to be forthcoming with Clinton on Hebron and Arafat

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is likely to inform President Bill Clinton during their Tuesday meeting in the White House that he is willing to redeploy the IDF in Hebron and meet with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Foreign Ministry officials believe.

linked to a variety of conditions on the Palestinian side.

Central elections panel: Labor's fraud charges almost entirely baseless

EVELYN GORDON

LABOR MK Ra'anan Cohen's accusations of election fraud are almost entirely baseless, as elementary checking on his part would have shown, Central Elections Committee director-general Tamir Edri said in an affidavit to the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

leged gap was more than five votes. In eight cases, she found no gap at all, while in most of the remainder, the gap was only one or two votes. In a few other cases, the gap was three or four. In one case, a gap of seven was found, but the station's protocol noted that due to an enormous press of voters at one juncture, it was possible that several had not been crossed off. Finally, in one case a gap of eight votes was found.

Yeltsin takes early lead in Russian presidential runoff

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin raced to a strong lead yesterday in a crucial re-election battle that pitted his democratic reforms against a Communist opponent determined to return to the Soviet era.

both candidates.

Peretz: Economic plan will harm wage earners

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE government's economic program will afflict all wage earners, especially the weaker ones, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said after meeting with Finance Minister Dan Meridor yesterday.

that he modify the cutbacks in social and welfare services and distribute them over several years, rather than a drastic one-time cut, even if it means increasing the deficit by 0.5%.

Netanyahu forced to keep Civil Service commissioner

EVELYN GORDON

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, under heavy pressure from the High Court of Justice, has backed down from his plan to fire Civil Service Commissioner Yitzhak Galnoor.

influenced by political changes," the statement said.

subject, the High Court made it clear that Galnoor should not be fired without clear cause, such as a refusal to assist in restructuring ministries as Netanyahu wished.

2 killed, dozens injured on roads

DAVID RUDGE and Nim

TWO people were killed in separate accidents in the North yesterday, and dozens were injured on the roads in other parts of the country.

control, apparently because he was speeding.

A teenage bicyclist was seriously hurt after being hit by a car near the entrance to Moshav Beit Hillel in the Upper Galilee. He was evacuated by IAF helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.



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Kahalani: Palestinian officials violating rules on Orient House

PALESTINIAN officials at Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, are violating the ban on Palestinian Authority activity in the city, and action must be taken by the government to halt them, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday.

Kahalani, speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* after a marathon meeting with security officials on Orient House, also revealed that Faisal Hussein, who runs Orient House and is apparently concerned about its future, has asked for a meeting with him.

"I have not yet decided whether we will meet. I first want to speak about the matter with the prime minister," Kahalani said. He said an aide to Hussein made the contact with his office yesterday.

Kahalani declined to go into details about what type of action he was recommending against Orient House, on grounds it would be wrong for it to be made public before being presented to the prime minister. He confirmed, however, that the meeting changed his previous view that no immediate action was needed.

Kahalani is scheduled to present his recommendations to

BILL HUTMAN AND LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tomorrow. Kahalani heads the committee of security officials the government asked to make recommendations on Orient House, which met for the first time yesterday.

"We reviewed all the different operations that take place there, and all I can say at this stage is that there are violations [of the ban on PA activity in Jerusalem] at Orient House, which demand our action," Kahalani said.

At the Knesset, Kahalani said the government is determined to enforce those clauses of the Oslo Accords which forbid the PA to operate in Orient House.

"There will be no Palestinian Authority activities at [Orient] House," he said, answering motions to the agenda from Avi Yehzekel (Labor) and Moshe Peled (Tsomet). He added that the PA is trying to create facts on the ground by operating in Jerusalem despite the agreements.

Kahalani noted that Orient House has been turned into a

symbol, "and a place of pilgrimage for people who come from abroad and want to show their identification with the Palestinians."

He called on the Palestinians "not to challenge us, and not to introduce unnecessary tension," and warned that the government would be forced to close the building if PA activities continue there.

The government committee on the subject met last night, and is scheduled to present its recommendations to the cabinet tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy told the Knesset the government would abide by international agreements. He was answering a motion by MK Haim Ramon (Labor).

"We've said it before and I'll say it again, and stress that the government will abide by international agreements. Naturally, not every statement by every person - things that aren't signed documents... - obligate us.

"We also have a fundamental right to examine how the other side abides by its side of the agreement," Levy added.

Arens: I'm against using Palestinians as cheap labor

DOUGLAS DAVIS
London

FORMER foreign and defense minister Moshe Arens spelled out his vision for relations between Israel and the Palestinians in London last night.

"It should not be for the Palestinians to provide cheap labor for the Israeli market," he said. "I don't think that is a good basis for developing the Palestinian economy, and it is not a good basis for relations between Palestinian society and Israelis."

The international community, he said, "should not expect and demand only Israel to provide jobs for the Palestinians, because of the security risks we perceive."

Arens, a keynote speaker at a two-day seminar organized by the Institute for Social and Economic Policy in the Middle East at Harvard University's Kennedy School, had clearly not heard the anguished Palestinian conspiracy theories that flooded out of yet another Israeli-Arab seminar in London this week.

The new Israeli government, declared one Palestinian delegate, will move swiftly to ease the closure because it is anxious not to

formalize a *de facto* territorial separation between Israel and the West Bank.

At the same time, he contended, Israel is determined to freeze the Palestinians out of the Israeli economy and force them into the arms of Jordan, thereby maintaining control of the land while effectively ridding themselves of the Palestinian burden.

Arens, who was introduced to the predominantly Arab audience, including Palestinian Authority official Nabil Shaath, as the "mentor" of Prime Minister Netanyahu, insisted he was speaking "at the moment" in his capacity as a private citizen.

However, while he reportedly refused to "prejudge" the policy positions now being formulated by the new government, he clearly signaled that Netanyahu will accelerate negotiations with the Palestinians - even at the expense of Syria.

"An agreement with Assad can wait," he added, "but reaching an accommodation with the Palestinians is not only urgent for them, but also for us."

SLA soldier wounded by roadside bomb in S. Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was wounded in a roadside bomb attack yesterday in the Jezzine region north of the security zone, as daily attacks on the force continued.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it had detonated two devices near an SLA patrol. The wounded soldier was taken to hospital in Jezzine but later flown by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam hospital.

Hizbullah appears to have been concentrating most of its operations in the past few days against SLA targets, including the abortive attempt on Saturday to overrun the SLA's Kawkabeh position.

That assault by as many as 50 heavily armed gunmen was beaten off by the 14 SLA soldiers manning the outpost.

There have been reports that Syria, after the elections in Israel, has given Hizbullah the "green light" to escalate operations against IDF and SLA targets in the zone. There have also been reports of an increased flow of weapons to the extremist Shi'ite organization from Iran via Damascus.

The Lebanese government, however, has been critical of what it sees as Iran's increasing interference in Lebanese affairs, and espe-

cially its one-sided assistance to Hizbullah. Lebanese newspapers reported that tension between the two countries reached a new peak when the Lebanese embassy in Teheran stopped issuing visas to Iranians wishing to visit Lebanon.

The *An Nahar* Lebanese daily said the Iranian ambassador in Lebanon raised the issue with Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bowez, who was quoted as saying that the "obstacles" would be removed.

The Iranian ambassador in Lebanon was also quoted as saying that Lebanon had not officially expressed any criticism about Iran's behavior in Lebanon.



Rock singer David Bowie performs last night at Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv.

'Bombers of US compound may have come via Syria'

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

US officials believe that the people who conducted surveillance of the US military residences prior to last week's bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, that killed 19 Americans may have come from or through Syria and other Middle East countries. *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Investigators learned that six weeks before the attack a policeman spotted someone watching the compound with binoculars, evidently surveilling the area.

A US official was quoted as stating that while the US could not establish that Damascus knew of the surveillance, it was likely aware of the traversing of its territory by those involved because Syria "is not a place you go in and

out of easily."

He said the question of a link to Syria was still based on "very sketchy information... and not very conclusive."

He also conceded that should a Syria connection be established, it could have "very high-level political consequences."

Washington considers Damascus a key player in the peace process but has also annually placed Syria on the State Department's list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters yesterday that the US has no indication that "any state... was involved in this."

Histadrut to disrupt Friday cabinet meetings

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut intends to disrupt cabinet meetings on Fridays unless a new agreement is signed with ministry workers to compensate them for the extra day's work, Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said yesterday.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision to hold the weekly cabinet session on Friday rather than Sunday, as was previously the custom, is forcing hundreds of ministry workers to work on a day off to help the ministers prepare for the meeting.

The Histadrut says this is a severe unilateral violation of the work agreements regarding the economy's transition to a five-day work week. The Histadrut fears the cabinet precedent may widen to a sweeping violation of the wage agreements throughout the country.

Peretz convened the civil service union leaders yesterday and instructed them to ask the civil service commissioner to open

negotiations immediately on a new work agreement compensating the workers.

"It's certain that unless negotiations begin and they know exactly what they get in exchange for the extra day's work, the workers won't come to work on Friday," Peretz said.

"I told the prime minister at our meeting that the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office must meet the workers and discuss with them how to operate the office on Fridays."

Foreign Ministry said to be in disarray

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THERE is disarray in the Foreign Ministry as Foreign Minister David Levy has yet to put together his own staff.

The biggest problem is his political aide Ya'acov Bardugo's desire to be called director-general, a post which has almost never gone to someone without diplomatic or international relations experience.

Moreover, Levy has yet to name any aides in the minister's bureau, such as a chief de bureau, spokesman or diplomatic adviser.

Ministry sources say part of the problem is that Bardugo believes that without the title, his salary would be considerably less than

what he would like.

One compromise would be naming two directors-general, with Eitan Bentsur, Levy's top diplomatic adviser during his 1990-1992 tenure, as political director-general.

Bentsur is now acting director-general. Under this scenario, Bardugo would be administrative director-general.

Coalition, opposition agree on committee chairmen

LIAT COLLINS

THE Knesset Arrangements Committee authorized an agreement yesterday between the coalition and opposition on who will chair the 12 Knesset committees.

The appointments need to be endorsed by the plenum next week.

The likely appointments are: House Committee - Michael Eitan (Likud); a temporary appointment pending a High Court petition against Raphael Pinhasi (Shas); Foreign Affairs and Defense - Uzi Landau (Likud); Finance - Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism); State Control - Haggai Merom (Labor); Law - Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party); Education - Emanuel Zissman (Third Way); Interior and Environment - Salah Tarif (Labor); Immigration and Absorption - Naomi Blumenthal (Likud); Labor and Social Affairs - Maxim Levy (Geshet); Economics - Elie Goldschmidt (Labor); Status of Women - Yael Dayan (Labor); and War on Drugs - Eli Ben-Menachem (Labor).

The Labor faction determined its MKs will chair committees on a rotational basis to give a larger number of members an opportunity to serve in more prestigious positions.

"It will be the first Arab to chair a Knesset committee."

Former activist indicted for supporting Kach

EVELYN GORDON

A FORMER Kach activist was indicted yesterday for supporting a terrorist organization - the first indictment of its kind against a Jew.

Kach was declared an illegal organization two years ago, following Baruch Goldstein's murder of 29 Arabs in the Machpela Cave. Until now, however, no one has ever been indicted for membership.

The indictment filed yesterday

in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court is against Itamar Ben-Gvir of Mevasseret Zion. It is based on a police search of his house two days ago, which uncovered a Kach placard and a sticker saying "Kach to the Knesset."

Gvir claims he acquired the sticker when he was eight years old. The placard is also old, he said.

The indictment also charges him with violating an administrative order against leaving Mevasseret. Gvir attacked the speed with which the indictment was filed, charging it was politically motivated. The court is to rule today on the prosecution's request that Gvir be kept under house arrest until the end of his trial.

(Continued from Page 1) crossed off the list. Edri found that 481 names had been crossed off.

Gaps of a few votes, Edri said, can mean policemen voted at that station. By law, police officers do not have to vote at their own polling station, since their duties may make this impossible. Often, however, it is just due to human error, she said. Furthermore, she noted, Labor had a representative at every ballot box, and these representatives signed the results of all the boxes which Cohen claims were problematic.

Cohen's sample check of about 100 ballot boxes found four in which the number of votes cast was greater than the total number of registered voters for that polling station. In every case, Edri found, the discrepancy was accounted for by the fact that policemen had voted there.

In one Bnei Brak station, Cohen charged, two dead people voted. However, Edri found that the three-man balloting commit-

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tee had noted that these two names were crossed off by mistake. Thus, though 595 names were crossed off, the protocol listed 593 voters, and only 593 ballots were counted.

According to Cohen, 432 people who were abroad at the time were registered as having voted. This charge was based on an examination of the Interior Ministry's computerized list of people who pass through border control. However, Edri noted, both the ministry and Malam, the company which prepares this list, say it is not accurate, and Malam told Cohen this when it gave him the information.

"For some reason, Ra'anana Cohen did not bother to mention this," Edri wrote.

In a separate affidavit, Reuven Spitzer, who oversees border control data for the ministry, said hundreds of people a month are registered as being abroad when they have actually returned, for reasons ranging from human error to the fact that they entered on a foreign passport. As the errors are discovered, they are corrected.

Therefore, noted Edri, the list given Cohen, which was prepared on June 10, showed 432 alleged voters overseas on election day, while a list dated June 22 showed only 409 of these people abroad.

The Likud, which also submitted an affidavit, added that it had tried to locate all 432 of the alleged problem cases. The party succeeded in speaking to 231 of them, and all 231 said they had been in Israel on election day.

The upshot of all this, Edri said, is that the data on voters who were allegedly not present cast no doubt on the election results. However, she continued, because even one case of fraud would be a serious matter, the CEC has asked the police to investigate.

In one Herzliya station, votes for Shimon Peres were credited to Binyamin Netanyahu, and vice versa, with the result that Netanyahu got 160 votes that did not belong to him. This appears to have been a genuine mistake, Edri said, noting that since Labor's representative chaired the balloting committee at that station, it is hard to imagine the error was deliberate.

"The problems which [Cohen] referred to do not indicate the existence of 'widespread irregularity and fraud,'" Edri concluded.

The Likud, meanwhile, attacked Cohen for having filed such a spurious appeal.

"This election appeal constitutes an abuse of the judicial system," its affidavit said. "The appellant knew... that the facts did not uphold his claims, but the appellant - a public figure, an MK, chairman of the Labor faction and vice-chairman of the CEC - chose to present a false picture in an affidavit to this court."

Escaped prisoner found dead in PA area

An Islamic Jihad activist, Salah Tahayna, who escaped from Nafha Prison at the beginning of the year, was found stabbed to death in an apartment in Palestinian Authority-controlled Al-Bira yesterday, according to Israel Radio.

He had been given a 30-year sentence for shooting at IDF soldiers. He began to serve his sentence in the Jenin prison but was transferred to Nafha, in the Negev, before the city was turned over to the PA.

Residents alerted the Palestinian Police after noticing a strong odor coming from the apartment, which Tahayna had rented a few months ago.

"It will be the first Arab to chair a Knesset committee."

Failure to follow safety regulations caused fatal accident

THE training accident in which Second-Lt. Assaf Abani was electrocuted was caused by disobedience of safety regulations, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said yesterday.

The accident occurred Sunday when Abani was installing an antenna on top of an armored personnel carrier situated under a high-voltage power line, near Kfar Shmuel.

The interim report of the accident, presented to Shahak yesterday, found that the training exercise in the signals officer's course was not carried out according to safety regulations. Shahak con-

cluded that this is what caused Abani's death, and decided to reassign two officers who were responsible for the unit. A remark will also be made in the file of the commander of the Signals Corps training base. In the meantime, the Military Police is continuing its investigation. (Itim)

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IDF using explosives-sniffing dogs in Lebanon

THE IDF has been using explosives-sniffing dogs to locate roadside bombs in southern Lebanon for the past several months, Chief Engineering Officer Eli Toledano told Channel 1's *Mabat* news last night.

"We have successfully detected some 60 percent of the bombs that Hizbullah planted," he said.

Engineering Corps sources said that Hizbullah has been concealing its bombs, which contain dozens of small ball bearings, in fiberglass casings designed to look like rocks, which makes detecting them difficult. This has led the IDF to use the dogs, which it had previously reluctant to do for image reasons. The dogs have occasionally been able to locate bombs at a distance of hundreds of meters.

"Over several months, we've noticed that on any road where a dog has been used, and then a patrol or convoy passes, no bombs go off," Col. Koby, who commands the Engineering Corps in the North, told *Mabat*.

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Russian citizens line up at a Jerusalem community center yesterday to cast absentee ballots in the Russian presidential run-off. (Brian Hender)

Knesset discusses Netanyahu's past

LIAT COLLINS

THE question of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's past was raised in the Knesset by three MKs yesterday, all of whom promised they did not wish to launch a personal attack on him. On Tuesday, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon removed a motion on the subject from the agenda saying the phrasing of its title - "Who are you, Binyamin Netanyahu?" - was insulting. Dalia Itzik (Labor), who filed Tuesday's motion, refilled it with the name "The publications about Binyamin Netanyahu." The result was the few MKs present heard all about the newspaper reports, but were left no wiser about Netanyahu's identity during the years he spent in the US.

must get rid of the cloud and say "Who are you, Binyamin Netanyahu?" She focused on an investigative report in the Jerusalem local newspaper *Kol Ha'ir*, which said that Netanyahu's US social security file had four names and that the US had classified the file. According to the paper, this happens only if the person had worked for the FBI or CIA or for reasons connected with the Internal Revenue Service, Itzik said. "If Netanyahu was elected by the US system and wants everything to be like America, he must be prepared for the other side of the coin," she said. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Netanyahu should ask the US government to lift the classified status, as he has nothing to hide. "He was not a wanted criminal, terrorist, CIA informant, FBI or CIA employee, or a witness in a

government protection program - the cases in which the classification is placed on this type of information," said Sarid. Rafi Elul (Labor) referred to the reports about how the Netanyahu's dismissed their suitor. Coalition chairman Michael Eitan answered for the government. No minister was present. He said he was surprised at the motions, particularly just before Netanyahu's visit to Washington next week. He said the opposition's role is to criticize the government, but "there will be more serious things." Eitan in particular criticized Itzik, saying: "I don't advise you, of all people, to base yourself on the gossip of a local newspaper." Tichon rejected charges of gagging the opposition, saying he was acting according to House Rules when he refused to permit insulting phrasing of a motion.

Several Knesset committee heads face legal charges

LIAT COLLINS

MUCH noise was heard about the appointment of Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) to chair the Knesset House Committee, which will be asked by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to lift his immunity so he can stand trial for fraud. But almost nothing was heard about the appointment of Salah Tarif (Labor) as chairman of the Interior Committee, although he faces charges of illegal hunting and hunting without a license.

Tarif is a former deputy interior minister and the ministry handles gun licensing laws. Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar said he does not see a problem with Tarif's appointment, "since we're not talking about a crime involving moral turpitude. Tarif had expressed regret and asked that his immunity be lifted so he can face charges, admitting he

had done wrong. I think we can take this into account." Tarif said he believes the whole episode to be behind him. Avi Yehzekel (Labor), who faces charges related to the use of Histadrut funds, is his faction's choice to chair the Economics Committee for the second half of the 14th Knesset. Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) will chair the committee for the first two years.

Course trains women from CIS to help absorb new immigrants

ESTHER HECHT

TWELVE women from the CIS have just completed training to help their newly arrived sisters. Emma Somikova was one of the graduates.

Somikova said.

"Women in the CIS are stronger than men," said Somikova, 49. But once here, they have to overcome more hurdles. One of these is stereotypes: If they're under 40, they're seen as prostitutes," she said. "If they're over 40, they're seen as too old to work." They also come here expecting to find the equality in the workplace they knew in the CIS.

For the participants, the two-month program sponsored by the Zionist Forum and the Israel Women's Network was a crash course in Western gender relations. It also included topics like women's health and psychology, social and legal benefits, self-image, assertiveness, women's image in the media, and the family as a socializing agent.

Somikova, who came here in 1977, had been a journalist and art critic in Leningrad. She is now the editor of the women's section of the Russian-language daily *Vest*. Though she has been here longer than the other participants, the course was an eye-opener for her, and she said she can now be a better resource for other women immigrants.

According to a Zionist Forum spokeswoman, the program was also meant to train the participants, who received their diplomas Tuesday, to lead similar courses throughout the country.

Justice Barak refuses to disqualify Deri's judges

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court President Aharon Barak has rejected Shas leader Aryeh Deri's request to disqualify the three judges who are presiding over his corruption trial. Deri had asked Jerusalem District Court Judges Ya'acov Zernah, Miriam Naor, and Moussa Arad to disqualify themselves a month ago, and when they refused, he appealed to the Supreme Court. His request was based on a June 3 decision issued by the judges, at a time when Deri's lawyers had just begun pleading "no case" after the end of the prosecution's 21/2-year presentation.

In the decision, a response to Deri's request for a summer recess should the "no case" argument be rejected, the judges wrote that they had considered refusing the request because "the road to the end of the trial is still long." Deri's attorney, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, charged that this wording proved that the judges had decided to reject the "no case" argument before they had heard it, which in turn proved they were hopelessly biased against his client. He supported this allegation by citing numerous other procedural decisions and statements by the court, which, he said, taken together, demonstrated bias.

However, Barak said he found the judges' explanation for the wording of the June 3 decision completely convincing. The judges had pointed out that since the request for a summer recess would be irrelevant if the "no case" argument were accepted, their decision to grant the recess was naturally written in the event that this argument was rejected. "As for the judges' other statements and decisions... there is nothing in them to disqualify the panel," Barak continued. "They are an expression of the court's honest and serious desire to conduct the trial in an efficient manner. They do not indicate bias against any of the sides in the case. And if their statements sometimes had a tone of rebuke - whether toward the defense or the prosecution - this is due to the court's impressions of the two sides' behavior." The district court judges had said in their original response to Deri's request that "only someone who reads the tens of thousands of pages of protocols... can appreciate the enormous measure of the court's patience [with the defense]."

Upper Nazareth mayor slams plans to cut investment benefits

DAVID RUDGE

UPPER Nazareth Mayor Menachem Ariav yesterday slammed reported Treasury plans to cut benefits aimed at encouraging investment in development towns.

In a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Ariav, charged that the plans to cut grants from 34 percent to 20 percent would badly hit the absorption of new immigrants. The population of Upper Nazareth has doubled from 23,000 to 46,000 in the past five years, mainly as a result of a mass influx of new immigrants.

Ariav said the reported intention to slash the benefits had angered and shocked development town heads throughout the country. He maintained that the rapid growth in industry and other enterprises in development towns over the past few years was a direct result of the benefits to investors.

All schools to be computerized by 2000

JUDY SIEGEL

WITHIN four years, all of the country's 2,400 schools will have a modern computer lab, making Israel the first country in the world with so many computers in its educational system, according to Haim Yitshak, chairman-of the Israel Association for Computers in Education.

The group will hold its 13th annual conference at the Jerusalem International Conference Center, beginning next Tuesday. Scores of lectures will be presented at the two-day conference - whose Hebrew acronym is MOAH (brain). Participating in the organizing committee are the Education Ministry and the Israel Association for Information Technology. In addition, an exhibition in which 50 hard-

ware and software companies are to participate will be open free to the public.

Among the subjects to be discussed are the use of the Internet in schools, interactive lectures using satellite broadcasts, teaching with multimedia, computer use in kindergartens, computer preparation for matriculation, development of educational software, and training teachers for the technological age.

Dr. Ze'ev Degani, chairman of the program committee of the conference, said that a serious assessment of existing computer use in the schools is being carried out to make sure that it meets all educational criteria. This, too, will be examined at the conference.

Young ambulance volunteers serve well

TEN Hebrew-speaking young Jews from Canada who completed a 50-hour resuscitation and first-aid course abroad are spending the summer as volunteers on Magen David Adom ambulances in Jerusalem. The young men and women are working alongside Israeli volunteers.

The unusual project was initiated five years ago, when a young Canadian came to spend time with relatives in Jerusalem and asked to volunteer at the capital's MDA station. He did so well that station director Avraham Halberberg asked the Jewish Agency to locate similar volunteers from the Jewish community in Canada. A group of young people has come every summer since then, hosted by the agency and integrated into MDA's ambulance teams for two months each.

The Jewish Agency found that within a year, most of the volunteers decide to settle in Israel, and many serve in the Israel Defense Forces. Two MDA staffers have married former Canadian volunteers. (Judy Siegel)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Poultry sales to Europe soar

Israel's exports of poultry meat to Europe have increased 150 percent in the past few months, from 400 tons a month to 1,000, apparently due to the mad-cow disease scare there.

Yitzhak Tovli, head of the Poultry Board, said Israel's products have encountered difficult market conditions in Europe because of EU agreements. In spite of this, Israel manages to sell there, mostly to Holland, Germany, Austria, and France. (Tim)

Moroccan delegation cancels visit to fair

A delegation of Moroccan business and government officials has canceled its participation in the opening of the 1996 Modern Living Fair apparently due to the outcome of the Cairo summit.

The fair, at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds, will nevertheless feature a display from Morocco, the first from an Arab country. The Moroccan exhibit was brought by Israeli businessmen who will sell the wares, including a variety of rare Judaica items from Morocco. (Tim)

Weisel new president of Jeunesses Musicales

Meir Weisel, general manager of Jeunesses Musicale Israel since 1983, was elected president of the International Federation of Jeunesses Musicales at the world congress near Frankfurt, Germany last month. Dedicated to the education of new generations of musicians and audience, the IFJM was founded in 1945. Israel has been a member since 1959. Like its associates in more than 40 countries around the world, JMI fosters music education through regular master classes, courses, scholarships and summer music camps. (Helen Kay)

High Court to rule on Bar-Ilan petition today

The High Court of Justice will rule today on whether Meretz may hold a demonstration on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat. Meretz wants to hold a march to protest plans to close the street on Shabbat, but the police object, saying it would provoke riots by haredim and constitute a public danger. Meretz argued that the police's decision is an unjustified infringement on freedom of expression. The court heard Meretz's position yesterday, and will issue its ruling today. (Evelyn Gordon)

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War crimes trial hears about butchery of Srebrenica refugees

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - Terrified Srebrenica refugees were reassured by Bosnian Serb Gen. Ratko Mladic, then butchered by his troops until the nearby river ran red with blood, a war crimes investigator testified yesterday.

Jean-Rene Ruez, a French policeman who interviewed witnesses, gave a numbing litany of atrocities Bosnian Serb forces allegedly committed against Muslim refugees following the fall of the UN safe haven in July 1995.

His testimony at a hearing of the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal is linked to the UN court's indictment of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and Mladic for genocide at Srebrenica.

Karadzic and Mladic have rejected the court's jurisdiction and refused to come to the Hague for trial.

Prospects of arresting its two prime suspects seem dim, so the tribunal is using the hearing

to spotlight evidence against them in hopes that will mobilize a reluctant international community to take them into custody.

Since the seven-day hearing is not a trial in absentia, no verdict will be reached, although the proceedings could produce an international arrest warrant.

Ruez told the judges that after Bosnian Serb soldiers entered the enclave on July 11, 1995, several thousand men, women and children fled to a compound manned by Dutch soldiers of the UN Protection Force in nearby Potocari.

Meanwhile, about 15,000 Muslim soldiers and civilians were forced to march in a huge column through mine-infested woods toward Bosnian government territory in Tuzla.

Ruez described how about 3,000 men were separated from the women in Potocari. Torture, mutilation and slaughter followed.

"A group of 16 men were lined up along the river and once they lined up, soldiers opened fire," said Ruez.

Witnesses who later went to the area "saw the bodies close to the river, which was filled with blood," he said.

Ruez cited an incident where a soldier forced a man to cut open his grandson's stomach and eat part of his liver.

"He took the old man and put a knife in his hand ... and cut open the stomach of the little boy and then with the tip of his knife took out an organ from the inside of the child's stomach and he forced the man to eat that part," Ruez told the court.

"One eyewitness said a man's nose, ears and lips were cut off before he had his throat slit. Suicides were common. Their bodies were found hanging," said Ruez.

Investigators seek clues to massive US blackout

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Investigators were looking for clues yesterday to what caused a massive power outage that created chaos across 15 Western states, but so far sabotage has been ruled out.

While initial reports focused on the blistering summer temperatures in many cities from Texas to California, officials with utility companies said it would take at least 24 to 48 hours before they knew what caused a circuit breaker on a key power grid to shut down.

"It really has been hot but you just don't know," said Greg Pruett, spokesman for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. in San Francisco. "It might be something that's completely unrelated to the weather."

The outage left millions of peo-

ple from southern California north to the Canadian border and as far east as Texas without electricity, affecting thousands of homes and businesses.

By early yesterday, most of the power was restored.

Corry Alsberg, a spokeswoman for the Western Systems Coordinating Council, the industry group that oversees the reliability of electric supply in western states, said a team of investigators was trying to pinpoint the problem but sabotage was not suspected.

"We're still trying to put all the information together," Alsberg said.

Despite soaring temperatures in many cities, Pruett said demand for electricity in northern California was normal for a summer day in July and should easily

have been handled by the system.

"We were not experiencing record demand," he said.

Pruett likened the power problem to a marble that gets lodged in a giant garden hose and forces the system to shut down.

"The marble goes on down this garden hose and every so often it sticks and blocks the flow," he said. "That's where the problem occurs and it just continues on down the transmission system. It could have occurred anywhere but we do know that it did not happen in our system."

Utility officials said the problem appears to have begun in Oregon, just north of the California border, on the so-called "intertie," a power transmission network that links much of the western United States in a grid.

Report: Egypt persists in torture, indefinite detention

CAIRO (AP) - The human rights group Amnesty International has accused Egypt of using systematic torture and jailing without charges, sometimes for years, under the name of "fighting terrorism."

The London-based group said yesterday that Islamic militants battling Egypt's government also were guilty of human rights abuses, but it insisted Egypt should put down the Muslim insurgency under the rule of law, which it said "has been sacrificed."

Amnesty, in a report faxed to The Associated Press in Cairo, said the government has failed to respond to pleas to investigate human rights abuses.

Amnesty said that instead, the government accused humanitarian groups of "defending the rights of terrorists."

To support its allegations of torture, the report cited a finding by a UN study, its own interviews with former detainees and Egyptian courts' acquittals of 20 Islamic militants on the basis they had confessed under duress.

"Despite the government's pledges to abide by international human rights treaties which forbid torture... torture of political detainees continue to be systematic," said the Amnesty report.

Thousands of sympathizers and people suspected of belonging to outlawed fundamentalist groups were detained during investigations for as long as six years, the report said.

This echoed findings of Egyptian human rights advocates.



A Chinese policeman rescues victims of the flooded southern city of Guyang earlier this week. Torrential rains and raging floods across southern China have killed more than 100 people and destroyed tens of thousands of homes.

Cambodian police unable to stop chaotic cheating on exams

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Despite deployment of military police to prevent widespread cheating, chaos reigned during annual examinations yesterday as hundreds of children scaled school walls to pass crib notes to exam takers.

Others, in full view of police, used bullhorns to yell answers to students inside. One boy at Chak Tomok school in Phnom Penh had his head bloodied when someone threw a rock through an open classroom window.

Attached was a crib sheet.

"They think they are helping the students, but they are weakening Cambodia, which desperately needs capable people to help reconstruct the country," sighed Chey Srim, deputy

director in charge of exams in Chak Tomok.

Cambodia's education system has been a shambles since the Khmer Rouge massacred the country's best brains two decades ago. The civil war that followed drained resources from reviving the system, and even after UN-sponsored elections in 1993, teaching standards remain poor and jobs scarce for graduates.

Three days of exams ended yesterday for an estimated 10,000 students in Phnom Penh seeking to advance to the upper level of high school, crucial for ever attaining a scarce university slot. More than 100 civilian and military police ringed every school, blocking roads and surrounding buildings, to try to prevent cheating.

Still, mass cheating ensued. Education Ministry officials met in the afternoon to consider throwing out all the results, but decided that would be too disruptive to the system.

"It is as though we are living in an anarchic country where law was never respected at all," said Pol Phithey, police chief of Daun Penh district, who oversaw three schools.

Cambodians believe that finishing high school and university are the only ways to ensure success in society, but that belief is often an illusion. Jobs often are obtained by cheating, in the form of bribery.

Despite - or because of - efforts by the government to crack down on cheating, the situation is worse than ever.

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THE expression "laws were made to be broken" seems to apply all too often when consumerism is concerned. With regard to the enticement of minors, it seems to be an outright motto.

In 1991, amendments to the Consumer Protection Act geared toward protecting our children from dubious marketing gimmicks were legislated. Initiated by The National Council for the Child, and pushed painstakingly through Knesset committees with the aid of former MK Shoshana Arbeli-Almozino, these amendments were created in response to a growing phenomenon of "pediatric" exploitation on the part of the advertising community.

Not only were children being used to sell products, but they were becoming targets of ad campaigns aimed at their parents. All too aware that children provide the perfect nudnik factor in relation to parental purse strings, advertisers set out to tap a valuable "virginal" resource. I'll never forget the day when two of my sons came home from school, short of breath, to beg for a subscription to the children's magazine Pashosh.

A salesman had made the rounds in all of the classrooms that day, producing shiny metal medallions on a ribbon "which could be yours upon purchasing an annual subscription" to the illustrious journal.

Proud to have such intellectually curious offspring, I fooled myself into believing that they actually intended to read the thing - and that the medallion had nothing whatsoever to do with their fervor.

My dreams were instantly shattered, however, when it became clear that a single subscription would not suffice. "But which of us will get to keep the medallion?" they both wailed. Nothing I did or said during the remainder of the week provided consolation, as each day another of their friends appeared in class decorated with the coveted piece of junk on a string.

Now, five years after the legislation forbidding such solicitation was enacted, the utilization of children's innocence about and excitement over terms like "free gift" and "prize" has grown in leaps and bounds. Not a bag of potato chips, nor a bottle of Coca-

Advertisers exploit 'nudnik' children

CAVEAT EMPTOR!
RUTHIE BLUM

Cola, nor even a tank of gas can be had without an accompanying promise of Disneyworld, cash bonuses, or decals.

THE "NUDNIK" factor makes it impossible to go anywhere with kids - particularly the supermarket - without being bombarded with requests for expensive purchases. based on ever-renewed fantasies of buried treasures. Portions of the "advertising aimed at minors" regulations are worth quoting here, to illustrate the audacious manner in which "respectable" marketers continue to violate the law:

"[Advertising aimed at minors may not] contain... the encouragement of minors to persuade their parents or to plead with them or with any other person to purchase for them goods or a service... [nor shall it cause] minors to feel deprived, inferior, or unpopular in relation to other minors if they do not purchase an item of merchandise or if they do not bring about its purchase for them... [Advertising aimed at encouraging minors to] participate in gambling, games of chance or lotteries [is forbidden], with the exception of [those] not intended for commercial purposes."

National Council for the Child director Yizhak Kadman "has no problem" with ads

for children's products, as long as no "preconditions" are attached to their purchase. But he does strongly oppose ads for adult merchandise which offer children bonuses.

Kadman is disappointed with the Ministry of Industry and Trade for not enforcing legislation crucial to protecting our youth. "Even when very detailed complaints about specific violations have been lodged with the ministry, nothing has been done," he claims. He suggests that parents would do well to begin educating their children in responsible consumerism - including how not to be fooled by misleading ad campaigns - from a young age.

Trade Ministry spokesman Dor Marom vehemently denies Kadman's allegations: "All complaints relating to the law preventing exploitation of minors through advertising - whether through the print or electronic media - are dealt with individually. This issue receives attention, follow-up and supervision, as does every issue under Trade Ministry care."

"We suggest that anyone who witnesses such exploitation file a complaint, and we will be glad to deal with every incidence, as we have done in the past, and will continue to do in the future."

"Furthermore, special attention to this issue has been given, via a new follow-up center (monitoring the cable network's shopping channels) headed by Zamir Chayot - supervisor of the Consumer Protection Act's section on the exploitation of minors. Since the center began operating two months ago, about 50 complaints have been received, each of which is in a different stage of treatment, and most of which have been completed to the satisfaction of the consumers."

To complain about violations, phone: (03) 560-4611, or write to: Zamir Chayot, 76 Rehov Mazeh, Tel Aviv. No trips to EuroDisney guaranteed.

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Call your Mom... on the Net

TANIA HERSHMAN

HOW would you like to make free international telephone calls?

There are very few Israelis, especially in the English-speaking community, who have no relatives abroad that simply must be communicated with regularly.

But extortionate pricing makes it a financial nightmare. Now, however, there is a cheaper solution - and all you need is a computer and an Internet connection.

VocalTec, based in Herzliya, launched the InternetPhone last year, to great acclaim. Last week they unveiled the latest improved and user-friendly version: InternetPhone 4.0.

In a nutshell, the company's technology sends voice instead of data - which is what is transmitted when sending E-mail, for instance - down the basic Internet connection. Attach a microphone to your PC, buy some good speakers, find an Internet access provider and away you go.

You can then download a free evaluation copy of the software from VocalTec's Internet site (www.vocaltec.com). The calls are limited to one minute, but they are a good way to start. The full version costs around \$49 and can also be purchased via the Net.

The software itself guides you through the simple process of



making phone calls. You can call anyone across the world who is in possession of the VocalTec software and an E-mail address.

Just type in the address, store it in your InternetPhone phone book, "click" and the computer dials for you. Previous versions of the program were unhelpful if the person was not sitting at their computer when you called. Now, however, you have the option of leaving a voice-mail message - which marks a revolutionary improvement.

If your mother is sitting at her computer, she picks up, and you can start "talking." The term is a little bit of an exaggeration, because the quality is not the crystal clarity of a normal telephone.

The Internet is getting very crowded, and so sending the voice signals takes a while. There can

be a delay of several seconds at peak times.

Also, the signals are sent in "packets," and some packets are liable to go astray. Thus, small chunks of sentences may never reach their destination.

However, for a telephone call that costs the price of a local call plus the hourly rate to the Internet access provider (around \$1.50 an hour), it is definitely worth putting up with a few discomforts. And as technology advances, the quality can only improve.

The new version of the software has lots of helpful features. It currently works only with Windows 95 on PCs (a Mac version and a Windows 3.1 version are promised). The program consists of several windows.

The animation in the main window is a nice touch. A little man

talks on the phone when you try to make a call, knocks on the screen to alert you to an incoming call, and the cartoon shows two men talking when you are connected.

You can talk to other VocalTec users who have registered their E-mail addresses with the company. Pick a name from the Chat window, which also shows the country of origin of the user, and speak to Australia, Japan, England or wherever you want. It is an innovative way of making "voicecalls," and apparently extremely addictive.

Other useful features include a "hold" option, where you can keep up to 11 people hanging on at one time and a "whiteboard," where you and the person to whom you are talking can draw and write messages that both can see in real time.

Creative spark

FLAIR
GREER FAY CASHMAN

IT was unfortunate that the Hadassah-WIZO Canada Neri Bloomfield College of Design decided to hold a preview of the creations of its graduate class on the same day as that of the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion.

Although there was a similarity in several of the design concepts, the difference in execution was so striking as to put Hadassah-WIZO completely in the shade.

It wasn't that the Hadassah-WIZO students were devoid of ideas. A lot of imagination went into their clothes - but they lacked the sparkle and pizzazz of the infinitely superior Shenkar collection.

What emerged from both showings however, was a sense of rebellion against the pure classicism which it seems still dominates the fashion scene. Some budding designers went to the opposite extreme, producing a rag-bag of scruffy-looking, mismatched separates or outrageous-looking outfits which might best be described as technicolor grunge. Others leaned toward high drama, such as Hadassah-WIZO's Ayelet Mizrahi, whose romantic, layered organza 1950s-style evening dresses were each constructed around a swimsuit, which comprised the torso of the garment.

Shenkar's Merav Amir chose a more severe theme, clothing males in black monks' habits and females in black nun's habits which were suddenly cast off to reveal athletic Lycra swimwear in dazzling bright colors. And for an extra fun touch, Amir added a zip to the crotch of a bikini.

Also common to showings by both schools were studies in black and white, in which the lines were clean, and almost architectural. But whereas Hadassah-WIZO's Brit Schreiber produced clothes which were action-oriented, Shenkar's



Samirah Shahada-Rafal, who designed the gown, is smitten by the romantic.

Shai Shalom was more romantically inclined, and his creations reflected sheer sophistication reminiscent of the clothes which Audrey Hepburn wore in several of her movies.

HADASSAH-WIZO's Samirah Shahada-Rafal was also smitten by the romantic muse, and her strapless evening gowns, with lots of drape, bouffancy and even a bustle showed promise, but needed more work to give them true elan.

It was almost heartbreaking to see Shenkar's combined talents, given the current state of Israel's fashion industry - so much creativity and nowhere to go with it.

Hopefully, the industry will improve and these wonderful young people will be able to find their places here instead of having to seek their fortunes in Europe, the US or even Japan.

There isn't space here to mention all 26 of the newly graduated

Shenkar fashion and textile designers, and it's almost unfair to exclude anyone, because they were all good. But those who were truly outstanding include Victor Balish, whose black gossamer spider-woman designs featuring cobweb bodices were true works of art; Ayelet Weimann, whose futuristic evening gowns in glitter, looped, spiked and shaggy fabrics were definite attention-getters; Iris Yemini whose black tailored cocktail suit featuring a tailed jacket over a sweeping fishtail skirt was just magnificent; and Galina Kasvanski-Kushnir, whose dreamlike pastel organza trims and tops teamed with white were a perfect balance of delicacy and strength.

These young people and their fellow graduates all deserve to succeed. Their ability to do so will depend in part on the new government's economic policies.

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Who's the boss?

FOREIGN Minister David Levy's threat yesterday — in the spotlight of television cameras and in the presence of an astonished Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — to resign next week if Ariel Sharon is not accommodated by then, crossed all reasonable boundaries of impudence, collegial misconduct, and political blackmail.

It's been nearly two decades since Menachem Begin made Levy a national figure by appointing him to a cabinet post, thus salvaging the former construction worker from relative obscurity as an activist in the Likud's Histadrut faction. Since then, Levy has earned himself a reputation, unparalleled even in this exceptionally narcissistic political landscape, as a champion of apology, demands, arm twisting, and resignation threats; usually disguised in the form of ideology, but always aimed at enhancing his own personal fortunes.

In 1981, for instance, unable to stomach Begin's decision to deprive him of the Ministry of Absorption in favor of the Tami faction, Levy threatened to stay outside the cabinet, and ultimately won, as a reward for "loyalty," the position of deputy prime minister as well as responsibility for Project Renewal. In August 1985, Levy threatened to organize a separate wing within his party if a decision to co-opt the small La'am faction into the Likud's Herut section was not rescinded. Yitzhak Shamir acquiesced and agreed to a revote.

In November 1988, Levy quit the Likud's negotiating team and stalked in his office in protest at Shamir's handling of the coalition negotiations with religious parties. Three years later, Levy said he was considering resigning after Shamir decided to head the Israeli delegation to the Madrid peace conference. Ultimately, Shamir appeased him by agreeing that then-deputy foreign minister Benjamin Netanyahu would move from the Foreign Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office, and Levy would be fully briefed on the premier's diplomatic activity.

Finally, in March 1992, Levy announced he planned to resign as foreign minister, but made his resignation statement only several hours after the weekly cabinet meeting. This gave him a week to get the party's leaders grovelling at his feet, since his resignation would need to be approved at the cabinet's next meeting, seven days later. Once again Levy's tactics worked, and he received a promise to be reappointed foreign minister should the Likud win the elections, which — not coincidentally — it ultimately lost.

Yet Levy's most telling tale of political abuse was his pivotal role in the 1990 unholy triple alliance with Yitzhak Moda'i and Ariel Sharon, which scolded a famously hawkish Yitzhak

Shamir for considering to allow the Palestinians in the territories to elect their own leaders. Then, too, Levy's real goal was personal — to become foreign minister — and he achieved this. Never mind that once in office Levy tried to reappear as the dove who, in 1985, had cast the deciding vote in the cabinet session which resolved to retreat from central Lebanon.

Levy's behavior yesterday, therefore, continues a very familiar pattern: The aim — to secure his stature as kingmaker and to diminish the premier's clout — is personal. The idealistic argument — "defending a wounded friend" — is disingenuous. And the tactic, to publicly hold Israel's elected leader at gun point, is downright thuggish.

It's high time all this came to an end. Sharon may deserve to join the cabinet, and even play a major role once inside, but the decision on that can only be made by the man the people elected as premier. Levy could have asked the voters to prefer him for that role over Netanyahu, and indeed he appeared to contemplate that option for well over two years. At the end of the day, he chose not to challenge Netanyahu, apparently fully aware he stood no chance to win.

It follows then, that Levy's behavior is nothing more than a well calculated attempt to devalue the directly elected premier's stature, with the aim of making him as vulnerable and manipulable as those of his predecessors whom Levy has so systematically abused.

If he were to be asked about it, Levy would likely say his tragedy is that he failed to become Israel's prime minister. Yet his real tragedy is that, in 1983, when offered the position of finance minister during Israel's worst ever economic crisis, he ducked out and rejected that proposal, and thus lost a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to assume national leadership and take responsibility under tough circumstances. Indeed, Levy's could have been a more constructive career. His first resignation threat, back in June 1978, was aimed to prevent the closure of the Kitan textile plant in his hometown of Beit She'an. Though economically arguable, Levy's stance then was socially noble and nationally legitimate.

Yet that David Levy has long since given way to a politician concerned with little more than his own advancement, so much so that even as foreign minister he is prepared to risk sabotaging the prime minister's extremely delicate trip to the White House.

Against this grim backdrop, Netanyahu, even if he does want to bring Sharon into the cabinet before Levy's deadline expires, may do well by doing what Begin and Shamir were afraid to do, and let Levy make good on his resignation threat.



Savir's dark secret

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

HE boasted that he spent 3,000 hours negotiating to set up the Oslo accords with the PLO on behalf of the Labor government. But Foreign Ministry director-general Uri Savir had a dark secret he kept locked away.

Last Sunday, when he took leave of his colleagues at the ministry, Savir said an astonishing thing. He warned that it would be "dangerous" to allow Arafat's closest confidante and adviser, Ahmed Tibi, to take part in future peace talks with Israel.

We would like to ask Savir: If Tibi is so dangerous, why did you keep quiet during the past three years while this Arafat henchman, a fluent Hebrew speaker and an Israeli citizen, pressed the Rabin-Peres government to make ever-increasing concessions to the PLO?

Why, during those 3,000 hours of getting to know the PLO's real intentions didn't you warn your fellow Jews about the danger facing them, a danger which was as clear as daylight? Isn't it hypocritical to admit a truth you have long known only when you're quitting a key job?

Tibi, more than anyone else, protected Yasser Arafat when the PLO leader aired again and again on TV and in the world press the PLO's aim of making Jerusalem the capital of an independent Palestinian state. Yet the silver-tongued Tibi was given more time — to spread his anti-Zionist message — on Israeli TV and even Army Radio than all the opposition leaders put together. His theme was consistent: domination over the whole land of Israel.

Savir's explanation of his sudden opposition to Tibi goes like this: It would be dangerous for Israeli Arabs like him to be involved in the negotiations as this would blur their identity.

All the more reason, surely, for Savir to have seen it as his duty to blow the whistle on Tibi and his anti-Zionist propaganda during every second of those 3,000 hours. And if he disapproved of what was happening, surely it would have been the honorable course to quit and let someone else negotiate with the PLO?

It was the words of Tibi as much as those of any Arafat aide that revived fellow Israeli Arabs' dream of gaining control of the

Galilee, the Wadi Arat area and the Negev surrounding Beersheba. All these would be stepping stones on the way to driving the Jews back to the borders, not of 1967, but of the tiny Jewish enclave given to Ben-Gurion when the country was partitioned in 1947.

It was Tibi who stood at Arafat's side when the PLO boss lied about his declaration that the PLO charter calling for the destruction of Israel was null and void — when

If it is 'dangerous' to allow Ahmed Tibi a role in peace talks, why wait till now to say so?

clearly it was nothing like. And Tibi tried to explain what Arafat "really meant" when he preached jihad against Israelis.

Tibi sweet-talked the world, pretending it wasn't Arafat's fault that suicide bombers were blowing Israelis to pieces in their buses and in the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other places in the country. He did a mastery whitewash job.

Earnestly he elaborated on how Arafat was busy rounding up Hamas Islamic activists, when he knew full well that his boss and Savir's had made a deal that there would be no Hamas bomb attacks until after the election. Had Labor won, Savir would still be the linchpin in negotiations with Arafat, along with the smiling man at Arafat's elbow.

Tibi is outraged at the way Savir has turned against him. With some bitterness he told colleagues that Savir soft-soaped the PLO in the hope that Arafat would deliver the votes the Labor administration desperately needed to win the elections.

"We were the nice guys then," he complained. "They pleaded with us on election day itself to send messages to all the Arabs to make sure they went to the polls. Now they have lost we are being blamed."

THE writers of this column have learned that some members of the former Labor administration have taken it upon themselves to support Tibi and Arafat, advising them how to effectively "mould" Netanyahu's policies. It is highly possible that these voices of "the enemy within the city" have evoked the constant stream of threats of violence, of the renewed intifada that will erupt unless the Oslo accords are fulfilled to the letter.

Taking their cue from Arafat's threat to declare a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, Israel's neighbors are beginning to sound as if they are beating the war drums. It's getting to feel like what the country had to face in the 1960s, before the Six Day War.

From Syria comes the message that Netanyahu is following the path of Hitler unless he hands over the Golan Heights, lock stock and barrel. And there will surely be violence unless Israel gives more cities and territory to Arafat.

Mubarak follows up with a warning of more terrorist attacks unless Israel "presses" full speed ahead on the promises made in the Oslo accords. Not a word about Arafat not fulfilling a single commitment as set down in the Oslo accords.

When Foreign Minister David Levy called on Arafat to live up to his promises, Faisal Hussein, the man regarded as the PLO chief's East Jerusalem representative, responded: "If Israel wants security, it must give us full authority and full control." This is the same Hussein who demands that 70 percent of Jewish property in west Jerusalem be handed over to compensate alleged displaced Arabs during the 1948 War of Independence.

He adds Arafat's declaration of intent: "In the end there will be a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital." And always, in the background, is the "dangerous" Ahmed Tibi.

Mr. Savir: You were wrong to remain silent so long. And you know it. But that's between you and your flexible conscience.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Bibi & Benny

LARRY DERFNER

THERE'S something so satisfying, almost heartwarming, about finding yourself at complete odds with someone politically yet at the same time respecting him in the highest, to the point where you just like the guy tremendously.

This is my attitude toward Benny Begin. The science minister is the most rigid, ideological right-wing member of our right-wing government. He's a one-man rejectionist front against the government's plans to deal with Yasser Arafat.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has essentially told him that if he doesn't like those plans, he can walk. Begin may not be long for his cabinet.

Yet much as I think his approach to the peace process would be a disaster for the country, if Begin were prime minister I wouldn't be feeling this nausea that's been nagging at me ever since the more moderate, "pragmatic" Netanyahu came to power.

It's not his politics that makes Netanyahu's election impossible for me to swallow. It's not even his style or personality. It's what he did for the two years between the signing of the Oslo accords and Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

Netanyahu led the opposition. He was the headliner at so many of those demonstrations. Sure, he went through the motions of reproaching the mobs for calling Rabin a traitor and murderer. He threw a few cups of water on the fire rising up in front of him. But he spent 99 percent of his time watching it burn.

Three weeks before the assassination, when Rabin's car was attacked in Jerusalem, when a man was arrested — though later acquitted — for trying to assault Rabin in Netanyahu, when the malevolence toward him was nearing its peak, President Weizman said: "This is an unprecedented phenomenon. It cannot be allowed to spread. There are forces that can stop it if they wish."

Who were those "forces"? Weizman was referring to? Might the leader of the right-wing opposition be one of them? Netanyahu could have led in stopping that unprecedented phenomenon during those terrible times; he just didn't wish to.

BENNY Begin did. He honestly tried. When he condemned the violence and bloodlust at those

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protests, I believed him. He was alarmed and spoke with urgency. I never once saw a trace of that in Netanyahu.

And, unlike Netanyahu, Begin wouldn't denounce the hate tactics as a mere preface to another broadside against Rabin, so that the call for restraint was forgotten while the attack on the government stuck.

With Begin there were no "buts," no qualifiers. He took the moral character of the opposition seriously, he didn't just pay lip service to it.

He wasn't alone, either. There were a few other politicians and activists on the right who spoke out forcefully against the rabble in their midst. Among the opposition leaders, Dan Meridor and David Levy stood out.

Regardless of how strongly they opposed Rabin's policies, Begin and these few others were not only morally innocent of Rabin's murder, they were among the heroes of the evil period that preceded it.

With Begin, my differences are political, not moral. Begin can go on as long and as loud as he wants against Arafat and the Oslo accords and I never get the idea that the forces of darkness are gathering. He may be one of the last of the Revisionist ideologues, as right-wing as they come, but in ultimate matters of good vs. bad, I sense that we're on the same side.

When Begin is holding forth, I forget that Israel is so dangerously divided. The sense of schism dissipates. It seems as if we're just engaged in a disagreement, vigorous but clean, between people of good will. We can talk about it and still go home as friends.

How many Israeli politicians embody that? Not many. For sure not the prime minister.

If Begin leaves the government, Netanyahu probably won't even know enough to miss him.

The writer is a journalist living in Tel Aviv.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NON-VIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Sir, — Eric Lee claims, in his article of June 18, that there is a need to declare a civil uprising against the new government just as was done by Zo Artzenu. A call for non-violent civil disobedience is a very drastic step that a citizen can (and I believe, should) take when faced with the destruction of the basic values of society.

Zo Artzenu took this drastic step after three years during which the government of Israel

refused to live up to its pre-election commitments regarding the Golan and the PLO, while trampling on all that was dear and holy to the Jewish majority of the people of Israel;

led negotiations to give away sovereign parts of the state;

jeopardized, in an unprecedented manner, state security by turning over responsibility for internal security to the PLO, causing an unprecedented rise in the number of murder victims of terror attacks.

I am not getting into all the problems brought upon us by the Rabin/Peres government. I won't discuss their intention of giving away our water resources or the economic de-

struction — including pouring billions into sectors close to the Labor Party, such as Kibbutz Ein Dor from where Mr. Lee writes, to name a few.

I don't know if Netanyahu's government will provide Mr. Lee with reasons such as these, which will call for a civil uprising of this type — sending people out into the streets for non-violent civil disobedience. In any case, I fully support his right to do so even if I don't think that, aside from a few naive people, there will be many among the (serious) public who would be willing to pay the price and join him, as was our case.

I am certain that when Mr. Lee goes out into the streets, he will not encounter police — who have received orders from high up — to use harsh violence, violating all the laws of the State without batting an eye. I also don't believe that Mr. Lee would be charged with sedition by the new government for such an action.

MOSHE FEIGLIN, Chairman, Zo Artzenu Gintot Shamron.

WASTING TIME AND MONEY

Sir, — Now that the elections are over, it is time to look at the costs and decide that it is not necessary to waste so much money.

It is really necessary to give people an extra holiday at the beach or in the parks? Other countries do not seem to think so.

Moreover, it is apparently felt that, at each voting station, only one person can be trusted to walk in, go behind the screen, and choose a piece of paper. Surely the supervisory team in a room can watch two (or even three?) voting booths (not

placed together, thus saving valuable time.

Finally, need so much money be allocated to the political parties? It would surely be better if there were not so much money to enable unsupervised groups of youngsters to be sent out with apparently limitless supplies of posters and banners to set up. Some of the moneys saved in this way could be used to instruct these teenagers about the basics of road safety.

F. GROSS Jerusalem.

CHINESE GIRLS

Sir, — Recently, I saw a documentary called The Dying Rooms, which was filmed for Channel 4 in the UK and produced by True Vision Productions. This was not breaking news, but a repeat broadcast, and sadly it seems that after the initial reaction, there has been little follow-up. This documentary shocked me profoundly.

The film describes the horrors and torments suffered by baby girls in China. Boys are preferred to girls — because they continue the family name and provide for their parents. Girls are considered a burden. Baby girls are neglected, and allowed to die. The Chinese government denies the facts shown in the movie and seems to be more interested in covering up the atrocities than in remedying the situation.

It had never occurred to me that such things can happen to children anywhere in the world, and perhaps you are justified in thinking me naive. Sometimes it seems that governments do not see children's welfare as first and foremost and their interests are negligible where commercial profits are concerned. I am happy for the Chinese in their economic success; so many things we buy these days are made in China. But I don't want to think that in buying my baby daughter a toy stamped "Made in China," I am condoning the neglect of many other babies in China. If we think that children in our own country deserve to grow up safe and secure and enjoy all the natural rights as those stated in UNICEF's convention on Rights of the Child, then there is no reason why Chinese girls should not enjoy the same rights. All of us should voice our horror.

For those who have not seen the Channel 4 production The Dying Rooms and have access to the internet, you can find the transcripts of the show by searching Children and China. On that site, you will also find information on a trust fund for these children and on adoption.

NILI GOREN Haifa.

POSTSCRIPTS

MARY ELECTA Bidwell, the oldest-living American, died recently at age 114.

Bidwell, who was born on May 9, 1881, when James Garfield was president and Queen Victoria ruled half the world, died at home in Hamden, Connecticut.

Bidwell said she did not have the answer to her longevity, but that she never drank or smoked. She loved fresh fruit and hot coffee.

Once asked to name the greatest achievement attained by women, she replied: "The vote!" She said she cast her first ballot in the 1920 presidential election, voting for Warren Harding.

Her husband of 69 years, Charles, died in 1975 at the age of 93. Their only child, Charles Bradford Bidwell, died in 1945. She is survived by her two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A CHINESE academic has turned matchmaker for a rare striped turtle and is scouring the world for a suitable mate.

The spinner turtle was one of only three in captivity in China and a mate from elsewhere was needed to help ensure the survival of the species, found in the wild only in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River.

Zhao Kentang appealed for any foreign owners of a striped turtle to come forward.

WHAT THE CAT dragged in turned out to be quite a surprise for Kenji Fukai of Japan: a dead sparrow and a tattered plastic bag — containing 160,000 yen (\$1,500).

Under Japanese law, if nobody claims ownership for 6 1/2 months, Fukai, 73, of Sate, can keep the money.

A CINCINNATI hearing officer upheld the suspension of a high school student who cursed in class even though the boy's mother said his constitutional rights were violated.

Jeremy Goodman, 16, a freshman at Williamsburg High School, was suspended for two days for violating a ban against cursing after saying "Jesus Christ!" in class.

His mother said she would seek help to challenge the suspension. "We do not consider saying 'Jesus Christ' any more of a curse word than saying 'red sneakers,'" she said.

WHEN FLIGHT 1435 touched down in Cleveland it had picked up an unexpected passenger — a baby girl born in the restroom.

Nguyet Pham and her new daughter "are both in excellent shape," a spokeswoman for Continental Airlines said.

The airline said Pham, her husband and another child were flying to Cleveland from Chicago when she went into labor, went to

the bathroom and delivered the child with help from flight attendants and a doctor who was a passenger.

The baby was born two minutes before the flight landed in Cleveland.

HONG KONG yachtsmen club to keep the name of their club "royal," a move some fear puts them on a collision course with China's communist authorities after Britain hands the colony over next year.

Members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, one of Hong Kong's few remaining bastions of British colonial customs and privilege, agonized then opted to hang on to their "royal" tag, if only by default.

At a general meeting, there were over 2,000 votes for changing the name and only 1,000 against, but under club rules the margin was not large enough to effect the change.

BET YOU didn't know that Nevada has North America's oldest mummy. Testing methods indicate it's 9,415 years old, which would date it to about the end of the Ice Age.

The mummy was discovered by archaeologist S.M. Wheeler in 1940 in Spirit Cave, near the town of Fallon. Scientists believe humans lived in the area 11,000 to 12,000 years ago.

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Kielce's pogrom: The last blood libel in Poland

LEO COOPER

TODAY marks the 50th anniversary of the infamous pogrom in the Polish city of Kielce. The pogrom, in which thousands of ordinary people took to the streets and massacred their neighbors on the charge that the latter were guilty of ritual murder, was a result of a blood-libel accusation against the Jews. The pogrom's anniversary is by and large ignored in Poland.

Ritual murder charges against Jews are a frequent occurrence in Polish history. The first anti-Jewish pogrom caused by ritual murder accusations after Poland's liberation from the Nazis occurred in August 1945.

Leaflets on the streets of Cracow proclaimed: "The Jews are our eternal enemies. They kill our children in their synagogues." Responding to such propaganda, a Polish mob attacked the synagogue on Miodowa Street during the Shabbat service. The synagogue was set on fire and the Torah scrolls desecrated. The riots spread to Sosnowiec and Lublin. The number of victims is not known as the riots were never officially reported.

But the Kielce pogrom was the worst consequence of blood-libel charges. A nine-year-old Christian boy, Henryk Blaszczyk, the son of a local laborer, disappeared from home. For two days he stayed with relatives in a nearby village, but when the boy came back and was asked where he had been, he said that he was kidnapped by Jews and kept in a cellar where he saw 15 other Christian children already murdered. It was, he

said, at the house on 7 Planty Street.

Among the occupants of this house was the Kielce Jewish Committee, a group of young Jews who were getting ready to leave Poland for Palestine, survivors of the Nazi camps and some returnees from the Soviet Union.

As soon as the story became known among the local population, crowds began to gather around the building. Before the police had time to consider what action to take, the crowd had grown to several thousand. In a wild fury some broke into the building and any Jew they were able to drag outside was beaten or trampled to death. Some of the victims were thrown out of the windows.

A unit of the internal security forces sent to the scene of the pogrom joined the killers. The attackers received further assistance from a group of miners.

The carnage was only stopped late in the afternoon when a large army unit arrived from Warsaw. But even when the wounded were being taken to hospital, the open wagons in which they were transported became the target for stone-throwers. According to some estimates, half the Kielce population of 50,000 took part in this, a pogrom reminiscent of the Dark Ages.

While the carnage was taking place on Planty Street, other parts of the town and its surroundings were the scene of more murders. Jewish passengers on trains arriving at Kielce were murdered. Altogether the pogrom resulted in 42 deaths and more than 80 injured.



REPRESENTATIVES of the government, the Central Jewish Committee, and the foreign press were present at the funerals. While the caskets with the bodies of the victims were lowered into

the ground, a Polish professor named Gorecki expressed his sorrow. After beating his breast several times he cried out: "Polish Christians, our hands are stained

with the blood of innocent Jews. We are all responsible for this crime. Never, never must we forget. The burden of this crime will weigh forever on our conscience."

The Catholic Church officially refrained from commenting. A letter read in churches after the pogrom failed to condemn the violence, but rather obscured the issue of Polish antisemitism.

The archbishop of Kielce refused to condemn the pogrom. And the archbishop of Lublin, who later became a cardinal, had this to say on blood libels: "During the trial of Beilis [in Tsarist Russia] many Jewish scriptures were submitted to deny the practice of using Christian blood for ritual purposes, but there was no proof that it wasn't practiced."

An exception was the archbishop of Chostochowa, who had the courage to condemn not only the violence but the accusations of ritual murder. It was only in 1981 that an article in *Tygodnik Solidarnosci* by Prof. Krystyna Kersten broke the silence on the Kielce pogrom. Further investigation to find out who was behind the pogrom was undertaken by Jerzy Stawomir in 1986.

In 1990, *Gazeta Wyborcza* - a leading Warsaw daily - published an extensive analysis of the events in Kielce entitled "Kill a Jew." Since then, the anniversary of the Kielce pogrom has received only a passing mention in the Polish press.

WHAT IS significant about all the published material in Poland regarding the pogrom is the variety of theories on the identity of the instigators. Among the suspects are the Communists, the Polish underground, the Polish government in exile, the Zionists and finally the Jews themselves.

The former head of the province of Wislicz said in 1986: "Today I would like to forget about [the pogrom], but if you insist on going back 40 years... I can consider that the Jews themselves are partly responsible."

Not one Polish historian has investigated the antisemitism that caused the pogrom. Until recently, any public admission of Poland's guilt was met by a hostile reaction from those Poles who considered such admissions as denigrating the honor of the Polish nation.

In 1990, on the 44th anniversary of the pogrom, a commemorative plaque for the victims of the pogrom was unveiled on the initiative of then-president Lech Walesa. On the day prior to the unveiling, the victims' graves in the Kielce cemetery were desecrated, and during the night the plaque was defaced.

There were also numerous, albeit feeble, attempts by some Polish personalities and by members of the Catholic clergy to express regret for past behavior. And the Catholic Church, which historically has been responsible for so much Polish antisemitism, has been quite active in trying to change the attitudes of the Polish masses toward Jews.

A letter of the Polish Episcopate, read in all Polish churches on January 21, 1981, contained expressions of regret "for all acts of antisemitism which have taken place on Polish soil at any time and by anyone." The letter also begs for forgiveness from the Church's position during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

French ultranationalist Le Pen - Unplugged

THE big shock in last year's first round of French presidential elections wasn't the winner or even the runner-up. It was the strong support for Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-right National Front.

Le Pen collected 15 percent of the vote, his best showing in three tries for the presidency, on a campaign to expel France's three million immigrants. And the stocky, silver-haired politician is still basking in the glow.

The National Front is now the third-most popular party in France, behind the ruling conservatives of President Jacques Chirac and the Socialists.

Front candidates won mayoral races in three southern cities last summer. And, in a recent opinion poll, 28 percent of the French said they were "in agreement" with Le Pen's ideas. That figure was 18 percent just two years ago.

But Le Pen, aged 67, hasn't exactly become mainstream. Seventy-one percent of the French consider his party "a threat to democracy," and analysts place him on the right-wing fringe of the political spectrum.

Although Le Pen insists he is neither racist nor antisemitic, his party shares the rhetoric of European neo-Nazi groups.

Card-carrying members of his party have been implicated in several highly publicized deaths of Arabs in France. And he once suggested that people with AIDS be confined to specialized homes, which he dubbed "Aidatoriums."

These days, Le Pen prefers to talk about immigration, an issue that hits home with small merchants, factory workers, farmers and others who blame "foreigners" for an unemployment rate of 12 percent.

A gifted, charismatic orator, Le Pen emerged onto the political scene in 1956, as the youngest member of the French Parliament and, in 1972, created the National Front.

Born in a seaside village in Brittany, the son of a fisherman, he joined the Foreign Legion, serving in Indochina and Algeria. He later founded a record-publishing house, which today produces cassettes and compact discs on contemporary history with a militaristic, right-wing slant. He has three grown daughters

and three grandchildren and lives with his wife in a large, hilltop chateau in Saint-Cloud, west of Paris.

What is the reason for immigration growth?

The global policy of removing borders, has created a fantastic growth in immigration and provoked unbearable economic and social consequences. And those conditions have shown people that the idea of the "nation" remains the most effective way to protect security, liberty, identity and prosperity. To live in harmony, people need a minimum sense of affinity.

But many immigrants from Third World countries have, in fact, become French citizens. Don't they share this common reference?

Those immigrants are, in fact, double nationals... One cannot make a French people from mas-



Le Pen: "Don't come to our country." (Reuters)

sive immigration. To live in security and harmony, people need a certain homogeneity.

What about European immigrants who came generations ago?

For those, no problem. These Italians, Spanish and Portuguese

have really become French. They are of the same culture. The problem we must face is the large mass of immigrants from the Third World.

That creates - and people don't understand - a very real danger of submersion. And just because this immigration is done without weapons doesn't mean it isn't an invasion. If the Nazis had come in 1939 with suitcases and hats, it still would have been an invasion.

Are you saying some immigrants are better than others? Some are able to become French and others really never can?

That is one element of the problem. But another is, is it in the interest of France to accept foreign immigrants? Your question assumes that when people come to your country, you are obliged to take them in, even if they aren't adaptable.

But France is not a country of immigration. In fact, since 1974,

our official policy has been to refuse immigration. It is only the laxity and cowardice of governments that have let them enter and have even pumped them in.

I don't hold it against the immigrants. Someone who in Africa or in Asia earns 100 francs a month by working, and who knows here he will earn 5,000 francs without working, comes. Obviously.

But these huge numbers create a mortal danger to our civilization. The Western civilization. We're the goose that lays the golden eggs. But if the goose dies, there are no more eggs, are there? People say: "Yes, but they want to come and you must share." We can share if there are nine of us and one of them. But we cannot share when there are three of us and seven of them.

Is there any amount of immigration that you would tolerate?

Zero, zero. Zero, excepting individual cases of people who would have shown their merit regarding our country, who bring proof of ties here.

But don't immigrants enrich a nation's quality of life?

That depends on which immigrants. We have received here practically 12 million immigrants in 30 years. This is too many.

Some see signs of hate in your rhetoric.

Our movement does not have the sentiment of hate, repulsion or exclusion. These are not the sentiments that inspire us. Ours are sentiments of preference, that's all.

Just because you prefer your own children doesn't mean you detest those of your neighbor. We are told, "Love everyone." But I don't feel capable of loving everyone. I would really like to but I can't.

So what can be done about immigration in France?

Cut off the suction pumps. Have the courage to say to potential immigrants: "Don't come to our country. We can't take you in and, henceforth, you will not have access to any of the social advantages. If you want to come here as tourists, we'd like that very much. But we can't pay for your children's schools or your medical care. Not for any of it." That is the first measure. Stop this social egalitarianism.

(Los Angeles Times)

Once assertive, now submissive: How can I get my old self back?

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,

Ten years ago, I married an Israeli. He was 21 and fresh out of hesder yeshiva. He was low-key and

gentle. I always compared him to an owl, as he was quiet and wise. I was 23 at the time, a graduate of a New York City college and very aggressive. I had lived on my own, saved money, and called the shots for us.

Now the tables have turned. He's become an aggressive businessman, and I've become submissive. He's out in the world, and I'm home raising five children. This is my choice, but his attitude and manner of speaking upset me. He brings home his bossiness, and I usually just accept it because I'm too tired and drained to say what's on my mind. I miss my old self. How can I become my own boss again, even if only in my home? By the way, I love him and am very proud of the fact that he is successful at his job.

Unsettled by Submissiveness
Rehovot

Dear Submissively Unsettled, The only way to "get your old self back" is by taking it back. Managing a household, particularly one with five children, need not turn you into a submissive partner. For some reason, you have done this to yourself. Perhaps you were relieved when the "tables turned" at the time, happy to have your husband take charge. The fact that you are proud of his success rather than resentful of it is indicative of this.

But where his attitude towards you is concerned, there is much you can do. Blaming exhaustion for your inability to demand respect is your way of preventing part of your "old self" from

emerging. Maybe you fear that your "aggressive" behavior on your part will cause your husband to revert to "owldom." And, unlike businessmen, owls are not known to be good providers. Just keep in mind that speaking one's mind to a spouse does not constitute aggression. It is merely the stuff good marriages are made of.

Dear Ruthie, Whenever my upstairs neighbor washes her floor, the dirty water from her drainpipe splashes onto our laundry and windows. We've tried everything from reasoning with her to building a little awning over our terrace, but to no avail. What can we do?

Blackwashed
Jerusalem

Dear Blackwashed, Try installing an extension pipe from her drain to the ground. I've done this, and it actually works.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il



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Sharansky: Don't cut business grants

DAVID HARRIS

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky urged the government yesterday not to be hasty in cutting its support for capital investment.

Commercial attache leaves for Amman

DAVID HARRIS

ISRAEL'S first commercial attache to Jordan departs for Amman this afternoon. Shaul Sasson, 31, of Polish-Hungarian and Iraqi stock, said the main goal during his minimum two-year posting will be to strengthen ties.

TASE offerings fall to 28% of capital raised

Jerusalem Post Staff

SHARE offerings on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange have dwindled to 28 percent of capital raised by Israeli companies in local and foreign financial markets during the first five months of the year.

After registering a record \$3.3 billion worth of newly floated shares during 1993, TASE offerings slumped to \$1.8b. in 1994, and to \$661m. last year.

slump to \$90m.

During the first five months of this year, capital raising by Israeli companies through foreign financial markets has reached \$573m., and a large number of companies are known to be preparing offerings abroad.

The Bank of Israel said the decline in TASE offerings is attributable to the ongoing depression in the financial market.

Strauss to produce baby food

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Strauss Group, one of the country's largest privately owned food manufacturers, announced yesterday that it had begun to manufacture natural fruit desserts.

The Nabariya-based dairy product company's entrance into the fruit field is in line with management's belief that over the next five years the public will increase its demand for natural food items.

The company's first product, Apples and Chunks, is a non-dairy fruit dessert which is similar to the Pri-Pri dessert currently

imported. Strauss said the new product has a 35-day self-life, is based on fruit sugar as opposed to white sugar, is available in relatively large containers of 115 grams, and is very tasty.

In the future, the company plans to enter the baby food market with the production of chunkless fruit desserts.

"What Strauss has done to the Israeli market in many other fields, like cheese and desserts, is about to happen in the natural fruit field. Strauss believes Apples

and Chunks will lead to the next revolution in the Israeli market since it presents a new trend," the company said.

Strauss developed the new product over the last two years in partnership with a leading French manufacturer engaged in the field. About \$1 million was invested in the product's development, including production lines.

The company intends to invest \$500,000 in an advertising campaign to promote the product. Reuven Fridan advertising agency was appointed to head the campaign.

Africa Israel ponders spin-off

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AFRICA Israel's board of directors will meet in a few weeks to decide whether to spin-off the company's insurance holdings, thus paving the way for Bank Leumi, its parent company, to sell its surplus non-financial assets.

According to government banking reforms, Bank Leumi must reduce its holdings in Africa Israel (AI) by the end of 1996. But before Bank Leumi goes ahead with the sale it has to decide whether to separate Africa Israel from its subsidiary, Migdal Insurance, and sell the two independently.

Bank Leumi chairman Eitan Raff and general manager Galia Maor feel the spin-off will reap higher profits for the bank, which is owned by the government. But AI general manager Shlomo Grofman is against the spin-off, arguing that it will harm the company and damage its stability.

Africa Israel is among the largest investment companies in the economy, engaged in construction, insurance, finance and industry. The insurance division mainly consists of Migdal (the largest insurance group in Israel), which accounts for about 35% of AI's earnings.

Earlier this week, AI's board of directors decided to appoint economist Ya'acov Gadish to examine the implications of the Migdal spin-off for AI and its shareholders. The board also decided to appoint a special internal committee to examine the potential advantages, including legal and tax aspects. The committee is made up of Grofman, accountant Gad Somekh of Somekh Chaikin (which serves as Bank Leumi's accountancy firm) and attorney Dalia Tal, Bank Leumi's legal advisor.

By the end of this month, Gadish and the special board committee are expected to report to AI's board of directors, leaving Bank Leumi with only a few months to sell off its non-financial holdings. According to Amendment 11 to the Banking Law, Bank Leumi will be able to go ahead with the spin-off only if it receives 75% of the votes at AI's general shareholders meeting.

In the meantime, Bank Leumi is reportedly proceeding with the sale of its non-financial holdings. Several months ago the bank entered talks for the sale of its holdings in Migdal to Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer. Negotiations are reportedly in the final stages, but await approval of the spin-off.

The bank is reportedly also in preliminary talks for the sale of 30% of Africa Israel. So far, it is reported that US investors, a Japanese consortium and local investors have expressed interest. US investment bank Morgan Stanley is consulting Bank Leumi on the sale of its non-financial holdings.

Britain No. 1 in US holdings

WASHINGTON (AP) - Britain remained the country with the biggest holdings in US companies, according to a Commerce Department survey which said the US debt position jumped 40 percent last year.

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debtor position in 1996 reflected the fact that the deficit in the broadest measure of trade, the current account, climbed to \$153b. in 1995, the second worst showing in history. Those dollars flowed into the hands of foreigners, who turned them into US investments.

Until the mid-1980s, the US was the world's largest creditor country, a position now held by Japan, as the amount of American-owned assets abroad dwarfed the foreign-owned assets in the US.

France bans asbestos

PARIS, July 3 (Reuters) France will ban asbestos from January 1, 1997. Labor Minister Jacques Barrot announced yesterday, following a scientific report that 2,000 people would die in France from contact with the industrial fiber this year.

"The manufacture, import, and sale of products containing asbestos - and particularly construction materials - are banned," Barrot told a news conference.

A few uses, including brake components for heavy trucks and flame-proof outfits for fire fighters, would be allowed to continue, as there are no adequate substitutes at present, Barrot added. Most other industrialized nations have long banned

asbestos, linked by scientists to lung cancer and other lethal respiratory ailments decades ago.

But efforts to remove leaking asbestos from office and apartment buildings have been both costly and frustrating, as exposure caused by the removal process itself has at times been found to be at least as dangerous to human health as the substance's initial presence.

Barrot said that France would now begin accrediting asbestos removal firms due to the dangers of exposure from sloppy work.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Venezuela persuaded to pay debt: The government of Venezuela has paid off debts of \$25 million to Israeli exporters. The payment was made following intensive efforts by the Israeli Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Company and the Accountant General at the Ministry of Finance to collect the money due from foreign companies.

Adanim Bank has improved its capital adequacy by issuing capital notes totaling NIS 17m. to major shareholders, and selling an NIS 50m. mortgage portfolio. The bank said it recently issued an NIS 1.5m. capital note for five years to a firm owned by one of its major shareholders. Galit Lipkis Beck

Deputy Finance Minister assumes office: Newly appointed Deputy Finance Minister David Magen was officially welcomed on-board by his Minister Dan Meridor yesterday.

Meridor described the 51-year-old, Moroccan-born former minister of economics as a personal friend, adding: "I'm very happy he's joining the ministry."

Magen, who first became a legislator in 1981, and was number nine on the Likud list for the Knesset, said that until now he has only known the work of the Treasury as an outsider, serving as mayor of the development town Kiryat Gat for 10 years. "I will invest all my energy to help tackle the various challenges," he said in response to Meridor's toast.

Welcoming Magen, ministry director-general David Brodet warned him that he has a difficult few weeks ahead, when he will have to come to terms with the budget, planned structural changes and privatization. David Harris.



Pedestrians pass under a poster showing US and British currency in Baghdad's Nasr Square. The Iraqi currency slumped yesterday on the news of US disapproval of Iraq's food distribution plan. (Reuters)

Bezeq pay phones to accept 'smart cards'

JUDY SIEGEL

STARTING early next year, Bezeq will begin to upgrade its 25,000 public telephones so they can be operated by "smart cards." These plastic cards, containing a computer chip, can be used to make small purchases or payments. The telephones themselves can be adapted to transfer "electronic money" from one's bank account to the smart card.

At the Modern Living Fair at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds, Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said the upgraded public phones will create a national infrastructure; and set standards for smart card use around the country.

Bezeq is also planning a pilot program for testing smart cards in Eilat. The card will serve as a personal identity card for Kupat Holim Clalit members in the city and for buying medications in its clinics. Hotels may also allow purchases in its cafes and stores. Kaul said smart cards could be used to pay for Egged and Dan

bus fares or to buy multi-use tickets; pay for charges in parking lots, taxis, kiosks and stamps.

The first smart-card experiment - on Bar-Ilan University's campus - has been successful, with more than 30% of students and staff using them and the total monetary value of transactions totaling NIS 100,000.

At the exhibition, Bezeq is handing out free smart cards to visitors, who can obtain Bezeq advertising brochures from automated machines and participate in lotteries.

Meanwhile, Bezeq yesterday issued a tender to replace its 10-year-old VAX/VMS computer for its financial system with a new system. Israeli companies representing the largest international hardware and software firms are expected to compete for the contract, worth millions of dollars. Bezeq demands that the system allow full interaction with other information systems in Bezeq and outside and ensure complete security.

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Ministry of the Environment Public Tender No. 6/96 Set-up of a Computerized Information System for the Processing of Business Licenses and Permits The Ministry of the Environment hereby invites estimates for the design, set-up, supply and maintenance of a computerized information system for handling the processing of business licenses and permits. This tender has also been published in the Hebrew press, and it is the Hebrew version which shall be binding. Requirements: 1. Bidders must be a registered corporation in Israel according to the law. 2. Bidders must submit all permits required under the Public Commercial Bodies Law (Requirement to Maintain Accounts and to Pay Taxes) 1976, and must be a licensed trader according to the VAT Law. 3. Bidders must have had an annual turnover in the field of automated data processing of at least NIS 7 million for the 1995 tax year, certified by a balance sheet prepared by an accountant. 4. Bidders must employ at least twenty full-time salaried employees in project management, analysis, design and development of information systems. The project manager proposed for this project must have at least five years experience in project management. 5. Bidders must have managed, been responsible for and carried out as chief contractor the design and development of at least three automated data processing systems of a similar size during the four years prior to submitting this bid, including at least one system using the proposed technology. The preliminary conditions pertaining to technology are detailed in the tender specifications. 6. An absolute bank guarantee linked to the consumer price index in the amount of 10% of the maximum bid (including VAT) must be attached to the bid. The guarantee must be valid until December 31, 1996. 7. The successful bidder will sign a contract along the lines of the contract included in the tender documents. 8. If the successful bidder fails to sign a contract after the tenders committee awards him the tender, his bank guarantee will be forfeited. 9. The contract for the design, set-up and supply of the system is for one year, with an option to extend it for a further two years or until the completion of the project. The contract for the maintenance of the system is for a period of up to four years from the end of the system's warranty period. Considerations of the Ministry: 1. The Ministry will not accept bids which do not comply with the preconditions of the tender or which do not include all the required documents. 2. The Ministry is not obligated to accept any bid. 3. The Ministry is not obligated to accept the lowest bid. 4. The Ministry is entitled to cancel the tender if the best bid does not meet its requirements. 5. The Ministry is entitled to take into account considerations such as the quality of the proposed solution, experience, financial standing, acquaintance with the bidder, the opinion of other authorities, and the quality and size of manpower. 6. The Ministry reserves the right to accept part of the bid or to divide the project between various bidders as it sees fit. General: 1. The tender forms may be obtained from the Ministry of the Environment, Building and Administration Department, 5 Rehov Kanfei Neshtam, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., against payment to the Ministry of the Environment of the sum of NIS 1,000 (postal bank account no. 0-245488, for tender no. 6/96). This sum cannot be refunded. 2. The tender specifications may be perused at the above address by previous arrangement, Tel. 02-6553666. 3. A briefing for suppliers will take place on July 30, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in the meeting room at the Ministry of the Environment, 5 Rehov Kanfei Neshtam, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. Participation is mandatory for all bidders. 4. Bids must be submitted in Hebrew, in five copies, by noon on August 27, 1996. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender No. 6/96", and should be placed in the tenders box in the Building and Administration Department, 5 Rehov Kanfei Neshtam (4th floor), Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. 5. Purchasing the specifications and the tender documents is a prerequisite for submitting bids.

Britain No. 1 in US holdings WASHINGTON (AP) - Britain remained the country with the biggest holdings in US companies, according to a Commerce Department survey which said the US debt position jumped 40 percent last year. In its annual look at America's international balance sheet, the department said on Tuesday that America's net debtor position rose to \$814 billion, up from \$580.1b. in 1994. The net debtor position is the shortfall between what foreigners own in US assets - corporations, real estate, stocks, and bonds - compared to what Americans own in overseas assets. In direct investments, defined as ownership of at least 10 percent of a company, Britain retained its hold on the No. 1 spot in US holdings for the second straight year. It had displaced Japan in 1995. For 1996, British direct investment holdings totaled \$132.3b., up 19% from 1995. Japan was in second place with direct investment of \$108.5b., up 3.8%. Third place was held by the Netherlands, with direct investment \$67.7b. The big jump in America's net debtor position in 1996 reflected the fact that the deficit in the broadest measure of trade, the current account, climbed to \$153b. in 1995, the second worst showing in history. Those dollars flowed into the hands of foreigners, who turned them into US investments. Until the mid-1980s, the US was the world's largest creditor country, a position now held by Japan, as the amount of American-owned assets abroad dwarfed the foreign-owned assets in the US.

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Israel Airports Authority Tender No. P/15/96 for the Supply of a Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) for Ben-Gurion International Airport 1. The Israel Airports Authority hereby invites bids for the supply of a non-directional beacon for Ben-Gurion Airport. 2. Proposals may only be submitted by suppliers/manufacturers who: a. Have sold at least 10 (ten) NDB systems in more than one country within the last three years. b. Have an agent in Israel for handling all contacts with the IAA regarding this tender. 3. Proposals must be accompanied either by an unconditional bank guarantee drawn upon an Israeli bank in the amount of 5% of the total amount requested, or a banker's check for the said amount. 4. The tender documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at Ben-Gurion International Airport, Main Passenger Terminal, 2nd floor, room 234, until July 17, 1996. 5. Proposals should be submitted in three copies and placed in the tenders box in room 317 (Archives), 2nd floor, Main Office, Israel Airports Authority, Ben-Gurion International Airport, 70100, Israel, no later than August 15, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. 6. The Israel Airports Authority is not obligated to accept the lowest or any bid. Israel Airports Authority Tender No. P/15/96 Date: 2.7.96 Purchase Price: 109.76 Redemption Price: 108.32 leumi pia תלמי מדינות

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Stocks slump on strong shekel

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ



Two-Sided Index Maof Index

THE TASE indexes closed little changed yesterday, amid concern about the government's ability to implement a NIS 4.9 billion reduction in the 1997 budget.

Stocks also fell as the shekel strengthened against the US dollar, trading at 3.1930, compared with 3.2010 yesterday.

The Maof Index fell 0.14 percent to 210.27 and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.09 percent to 198.29.

Some NIS 68.5 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 7.1m. above the average trading level.

"It was disappointing that nothing was cut from the budget in 1996 and there is some skepticism regarding the government's ability to carry out the reductions planned for 1997," said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Tel Aviv firm Barucha Securities & Investments Ltd.

Even so, she said the approval for the cut shows "the government means business."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is "trying to look good for the business sector, the ones who had shivered at the thought of his being elected," said Finn.

"He wants to show them that he's the one they want to vote for next time," Maof Index-listed fuel company Delek was the most active share on the exchange, closing unchanged as NIS 12.8m. worth of shares changed hands.

Dollar surges against yen

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar surged against the yen in European trading yesterday but market attention remained fixed on the Russian presidential election and US interest rates.

The dollar climbed to 110.65 yen - described by analysts as a major technical watershed - after breaking through 110 yen on Tuesday, its highest since January 1994.

The dollar's advance against the yen marked a new stage in its gradual comeback from a post-war low of 79.75 yen set in April 1995.

News that senior Japanese Ministry of Finance official Eisuke Sakakibara would remain in his current post helped weaken the yen.

Known as Mr. Yen, Sakakibara is seen as the key figure in driving the US currency back above 100 yen by pushing through a series of financial market deregulation packages last year.

Dow dips 17 points

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks trimmed early losses yesterday as the central bank confirmed expectations it wouldn't raise interest rates to slow the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost about 17 points, more than halving an early-afternoon deficit of almost 38.

Broader indicators finished negative too, with the Nasdaq market showing the worst losses on continuing concerns about computer-industry earnings.

"The market was off on some trepidation. So when the Fed stepped on an increase, we got a little bit of a rally," said William Dodge, portfolio manager at Marvin-and-Palmer Associates of Wilmington, Delaware.

"But it's going to be at least a few weeks before we settle concerns about earnings in key areas such as technology."

Trading had continued at Tuesday's cautious pace until this afternoon, when the Federal Reserve concluded a two-day meeting with a brief announcement indicating the central bank's lending rates had been left unchanged.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.36 to 5,703.02.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

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CURRENCY CROSS RATES table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Mark, Dollar, and Pound.

Sampras, Ivanisevic get rain reprieve

LONDON (Reuters) - Titleholder Pete Sampras and arch-rival Goran Ivanisevic dined with death at Wimbledon yesterday and must fight for their lives today.

On a rain-ravaged ninth day on Centre Court, three-times champion Sampras fell 7-5, 7-6, 1-1 behind power-serving Dutchman Richard Krajicek before play was finally abandoned.

And on Court One fourth-seed Ivanisevic also dropped the first two sets before fighting back to take the third. He trailed unseeded Australian Jason Stoltenberg 6-3, 7-6, 6-7 after surviving a match point with a brave backhand volley at 5-4 in the third set.

Sampras and Ivanisevic have clashed in the later stages of the last two Wimbledon, Sampras winning the 1994 final and a semifinal last year against the Croat.

Only 90 minutes were possible in the Sampras match with six hours play lost through bad weather. Play on Centre Court was finally abandoned as dusk fell when one of the ground staff had to be carried off court on a stretcher after falling under the heavy canvas cover as it was hastily pulled across the grass.

The incident allowed water to seep on to the playing surface.

If both Krajicek and Stoltenberg hold their advantages, American Todd Martin will be the only remaining seed left in the men's singles. His quarter-final against

Britain Tim Henman, as well as the encounter between Germany's Alex Radulescu and Mali'vai Washington of the US, both unseeded, were put off until today.

Sampras stayed with Krajicek during the first set despite being pummeled by the big Dutchman's serve which had included 23 aces by the time the match was suspended.

But at 5-5, Krajicek held serve to love then broke Sampras to love with a series of brilliant passes.

Ivanisevic, a finalist in 1992 and 1994 and a beaten semifinalist on two other occasions, was expected to have no problems with Stoltenberg, bidding to become the first Australian semifinalist at Wimbledon since Pat Cash's triumphant year in 1987.

Ivanisevic's normally deadly serve was off target early on and there were early signs of trouble at the first rain break when he trailed 5-3.

Things did not improve upon the resumption, and Stoltenberg took a two-set lead 7-3 in a tie-break on his third set point when Ivanisevic hit a service return wide.

The Centre Court crowd had earlier been treated to an impromptu concert by pop singer Cliff Richard, who sang a series of his old hits to keep them entertained during the longest rain stoppage.

Israeli kayaker joins Olympic team

LOCAL SCENE
HEATHER CHAIT

ONE minute past the 11th hour kayaker Lior Carmi heard that she was in the Atlanta delegation. Just one week before the team leaves, Carmi finally received the go-ahead from the International Kayaking Union which supported her claims that she had satisfied both the international and local criteria.

While Carmi now sweats the numbers to 25, judokas Amit Leng and Guy Fogel are assigned to a different fate. The Tel Aviv District Court ruled against their inclusion in the team on grounds that they had not passed the qualifications. Leng, in return, lashed out at national coach Moshe Poni, saying the fact that Poni will be taking only one judoka, Oren Smadja, reflected on his poor ability as a coach.

For computer and sports info, meet the local Olympic team on the Internet at <http://olympic.ibm.net>

Riding the waves
Pre-Olympic success for windsurfer Gal Friedman who is beginning to feel at home in the waters of the Olympic site at Savannah. Friedman won the pre-Olympic competition held nearby the actual Olympic venue.

Israeli at Wimbledon
After the seeds fell in the first week of Wimbledon, it was inevitable that Israel still has a shot in the juniors tournament.

Amir Hadad, seventh seed, is through to the third round after beating Kevin Kim from the US. Joining those greater than themselves were first rounders Harel Levy who just lost 7-6 (14/12), 6-4 to a Swedish player and Rotem Teperberg who was downed by a French woman 6-2, 6-3.

Turkish delight
Closer to home was Nir Weigreen who picked up the most ATP points on the Turkish satellite circuit. Although losing the final of the Masters event, Weigreen collected 36 points in the rankings and another 10 bonus points which should lift him to around the 300 mark.

France's Saugrain wins Tour's fourth stage



STAGE DELIGHT - France's Cyril Saugrain celebrates after winning the fourth stage of the Tour de France yesterday.

LAC DE MADINE, France (Reuters) - Frenchman Cyril Saugrain burst into the limelight by winning the fourth stage of the Tour de France as compatriot Stephane Heulot took the race leader's yellow jersey on a great day for France yesterday.

Saugrain, who was in a group of five riders who rode in front for some 200 kilometers of the day's 232-km stage from Soissons, launched the sprint 200 meters from the line to beat Dutchman Danny Nelissen and Swiss rider Rolf Jaermann into second and third places.

Saugrain, Nelissen, Jaermann, Heulot and Italian Mariano Piccoli broke away from a group of 15 riders who had tried their luck just after the first intermediate sprint, 30 kms into the stage through the Champagne vineyards and the battlefields of World War One.

Heulot and his four companions built a lead which at one point ran to 17 minutes and managed to resist when a lazy pack woke up to try to reel them in. The leading group crossed the finish line over four minutes ahead of the main bunch.

The mass sprint for sixth place was marred by a crash involving four riders, including Czech Jan Svorada who was wearing the points classification leader's green jersey.

Svorada, who walked to the line, and the other men who fell - Dane Bjarne Riis, Frenchman Laurent Brochard and Italian Mauro Bettin - appeared unhurt. Overnight leader Frederic Moncassin of France came in with the pack to lose his yellow jersey to Heulot, who had taken fourth place in the stage.

Saugrain, who had never won anything since turning professional last year, delighted his small Aubervilliers team, which received a wild card from the organizers a couple of weeks before the Tour.

"We wanted to thank the organizers for inviting us and show them that we deserved to be

here," Saugrain, 23, said. "To win a Tour stage is the best thing that can happen to a young rider. It's incredible. I need time to take it in."

Heulot, 25, who became French champion a week before the Tour started, joined the Gan stable this season after helping defending champion Miguel Indurain for

three years in the Banesto team. "Of course I would have liked to win the stage but the most important thing was the jersey," Heulot said. "I'm glad for Saugrain and for Aubervilliers. It's good to see them win."

Indurain, bidding for a record sixth win, and the other race favorites - Switzerland's Alex

Zuelle, Russian Evgeny Berzin and Frenchman Laurent Jalabert - all came in with the pack.

Heulot, 22 seconds ahead of second-placed Piccoli in the overall standings, should retain the yellow jersey in today's 242-km fifth stage to Besancon. The race intensifies on Saturday when it enters the Alps.

Brazil still soccer king

ZURICH (Reuters) - World champion Brazil continues to top the world soccer rankings in the latest list issued by FIFA yesterday.

But the Brazilians have had their once sizeable lead slashed by newly crowned European champions Germany.

Israel dropped six spots from 42 to 48.

The biggest move among the top 30 nations was made by Euro 96 semifinalists England which moved up 11 places to 13th.

Leading rankings (end of 1995 ranking in brackets):

1. Brazil (1)	89 points
2. Germany (2)	84.48
3. France (6)	80.73
4. Czech Republic (14)	80.06
5. Italy (3)	79.85
6. Netherlands (6)	79.85
7. Sweden (13)	79.79
8. Spain (4)	79.47
9. Russia (5)	79.17
10. Denmark (9)	78.33
11. Portugal (16)	78.22
12. Colombia (15)	78.16
13. England (21)	78.16
14. Mexico (12)	78.16
15. Argentina (7)	78.16
16. Zambia (25)	78.08
17. U.S. (19)	78.08
18. South Africa (40)	78.08
19. Bulgaria (17)	78.08
20. Ghana (20)	78.08
21. Tunisia (22)	78.08
22. Croatia (41)	78.08
23. Romania (11)	78.08
24. Norway (10)	78.08
25. Japan (31)	78.08
26. Switzerland (18)	78.08
27. Egypt (23)	78.08
28. Ivory Coast (20)	78.08
29. Chile (30)	78.08
30. Scotland (26)	78.08
31. Turkey (30)	78.08
32. Ecuador (55)	78.08
33. Morocco (30)	78.08
34. Trinidad and Tobago (57)	78.08
35. Greece (34)	78.08
36. Bolivia (53)	78.08
37. Slovakia (35)	78.08
38. Uruguay (39)	78.08
39. Albania (57)	78.08
40. Ireland (28)	78.08
41. Saudi Arabia (54)	78.08
42. Austria (39)	78.08
43. Belgium (24)	78.08
44. Algeria (58)	78.08
45. Guatemala (55)	78.08
46. Gabon (57)	78.08
47. Nigeria (27)	78.08
48. Israel (42)	78.08
49. Honduras (49)	78.08
50. Poland (55)	78.08

Big innings a high priority for Hick, Azharuddin

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) - Graeme Hick, so jaded recently he hoped for rain to stop play, and Mohamud Azharuddin both need a big innings in the third Test between England and India starting today.

Hick has managed a meager 167 runs in his last 10 England Test innings, including scores of eight, one and six in the current series against India.

After complaining of tiredness following the drawn second Test at Lord's, Hick was rested by Worcestershire from the team's subsequent county championship match.

"I have played a lot of cricket since the start of the season and I needed time to rest and gather my thoughts," said Hick. "You do reach the stage where you look out the window and hope it is raining so you don't

have to play. "We had a hell of a long winter on tour - first in South Africa and then at the World Cup, all that traveling and playing catches up with you."

Indian captain Azharuddin seeks to mark his 100th Test innings in the final match of the series at Trent Bridge with a return to form.

The elegant strokeplay he has managed just 13, 0 and 16 in the series to date. "I'm not scratching around at the crease," said Azharuddin before his 37th match as India's captain. "But one big innings could change everything."

Azharuddin looks set to play an extra bowler in preference to a batsman in his attempt to square the series which England leads 1-0.

Leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani and left-armers Venkatesh Raju are in contention to double up the slow bowling forces alongside Anil Kumble's wrist spin.

Fast-medium bowler Salil Ankola is also in the squad for the first time in the series, but out go paceman Paras Mhambrey from the Lord's side, and batsman Ajay Jadhava.

Middle order stroke-maker Sanjay Manjrekar is back after injuring an ankle in the opening Test at Edgbaston.

England's management released leg-spinner Ian Salisbury from its 13 yesterday, deciding it would not need a second spinner in the likely conditions.

Captain Mike Atherton indicated the team's one remaining decision is whether Ronnie Irani or fellow all-rounder Mark Ealham will be omitted from the remaining 12.

"It is just a question of if we want the stronger fifth bowler or a stronger batsman as our all-rounder," he said.

Teams:
England - Mike Atherton (captain), Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, Graeme Hick, Ronnie Irani, Mark Ealham, Jack Russell, Chris Lewis, Dominic Cork, Mike Foster, Alan Mullally.
India - Vikram Rathore, Nayan Mongia, Saury Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sanjay Manjrekar, Anil Kumble, Jagmal Srnath, Suli Ankola, Venkatesh Prasad, Narendra Hirwani, Venkatesh Raju.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

100-meter world record almost tied
Frankie Fredericks of Namibia won an Olympic caliber 100-meter race in 9.85 seconds, equalling the second fastest of all time, but Michael Johnson failed to gain a 400-meter world record yesterday at the Athletics Grand Prix meeting in Lucerne, Switzerland.
Second was Donovan Bailey, the world champion, in 9.93 with Ato Boldon of Trinidad third in 9.94 with Greg Drummond fourth in 10.00. Leroy Brownell, the world record holder at 9.85, was seventh with 10.15.

Southern new manager of Southampton
Former Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers manager Giuseppe Souness was named as the new manager of Southampton yesterday. Souness, sacked by Turkish club Galatasaray at the end of last season, takes over from Dave Whelan, who was dismissed by Southampton last month.

Israel, Jordan in squash journey
The Volvo Squash Tournament between Jordan and Israel began yesterday at the Herzliya Squash Club. The journey is geared to enhance the peace between the two countries.
A donation, given to disabled sports associations in both Israel and Jordan, will be presented at the finals which will take place on Saturday. For further information, telephone 03-5575995/557877.

Murphy new Leafs coach
Mike Murphy was hired yesterday to coach the Toronto Maple Leafs. Murphy, who is leaving his job as a New York Rangers assistant, briefly coached the Los Angeles Kings and previously was an assistant Maple Leafs coach.
The NHL team announced the hiring at a morning news conference, but gave no details of Murphy's contract.

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Atlanta	51	31	622	-	New York	49	32	605
Montreal	48	34	585	3	Baltimore	44	36	505
Florida	42	42	476	12	Toronto	36	46	439
New York	37	46	451	14	Boston	34	47	420
Philadelphia	34	47	420	16 1/2	Detroit	23	60	277
Central Division				Central Division				
Houston	44	40	524	-	Cleveland	50	32	610
St. Louis	42	40	512	1	Chicago	47	35	573
Cincinnati	37	46	481	3 1/2	Milwaukee	42	35	573
Chicago	39	43	476	4	Minnesota	38	51	519
Pittsburgh	37	45	451	6	Kansas City	39	42	481
West Division				West Division				
Los Angeles	44	40	524	-	Texas	48	33	598
San Diego	43	41	512	1	Seattle	42	38	525
Colorado	40	41	484	2 1/2	California	42	41	506
San Francisco	38	43	469	4 1/2	Oakland	40	43	482

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: San Francisco 5, Colorado 1; Montreal 5, Atlanta 1; Philadelphia 3, New York 2; Chicago 15, Pittsburgh 7; St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 3; Houston 4, Florida 3 (12); Los Angeles 7, San Diego 3.

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Baltimore 8, Toronto 2; Milwaukee 2, Detroit 1 (11); Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2; Chicago 7, Minnesota 4; New York 7, Boston 5; California 6, Texas 5; Oakland 11, Seattle 6.

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ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

NEW immigrant Jay Miller is a storyteller... Helen Kaye... The Rightest Thing deals with a woman's struggle to come to terms with her relationship to her dead father and her own sexual identity.



Storyteller Jay Miller will be appearing tonight at the Sheinkin Community Center and tomorrow at Jacob's Ladder

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

THE New Israeli Opera revival of Smetana's popular opera The Bartered Bride continues with Marina Levi reprising her role as Maszjenka... The Rightest Thing deals with a woman's struggle to come to terms with her relationship to her dead father and her own sexual identity.

FOLKLORE

HELEN KAYE

ESKIMO dancers from Kamchatka and Enda, the Nanjing Arts Troupe of China, Cloggers West from the US as well as folkdancers from Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Ukraine, Korea, Paraguay and the children's group, Little Flowers of Taiwan are all part of the International Folklore Festival...

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ZUBIN Mehta leads his Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Mahler's monumental Eighth...

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Animated series on animals 8:30 Tomcats 9:00 Goya, Gal and Gil 9:15 Kalmaru 9:30 The Little Mermals 10:00 Little Women 10:30 Vacation Studio 10:00 Animal series on animals 13:30 Tomcats 14:00 Goya, Gal and Gil 14:15 Kalmaru 14:30 Moomins

CHANNEL 1

16:00 Wimbledon '96 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Wimbledon '96

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Gardens around the world - documentary 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:31 Grace Under Fire 20:00 Mahab News 20:45 Culture magazine 21:30 At the Taverna 22:40 Centennial Gold Atlanta 1996 - history of the Olympic Games 23:30 News 00:00 Stories of the Good Land

CHANNEL 2

10:00 BBC nature series 11:00 Super Duper 11:30 Make a Wish (pt) 12:00 Ekl Blyton adventure stories 12:30 Basic Arabic 13:00 A matter of time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 All Together Now 15:00 Clipse local video clips 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshet 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Carriid Camera 21:05 Dan Shanon Live 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 Dori on Air 1:00 From the Concert Hall 2:00 On the Edge of the Shell

JORDAN TV

15:00 Double Dragon 15:30 Wimbledon '96 17:00 Le Journal 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Here's Lucy 20:00 Taratata 21:10 Star Trek 22:00 News in English 22:30 The Switch - true story of a basketball player paralyzed after a tragic accident. Starring Gary Cole.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

NEVER mind David Levy's threats, the Shas-induced coalition crisis, the impending trip to the US or even Nanyagat. What could be more important for Bibi at a time like this than appearing on American TV? The PM's hour-long, exclusive interview on CNN's Larry King Live can be seen locally today at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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WHERE TO GO

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WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-374253.

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MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Mooncraker - Set in 17th century England, this is the story of the adventures of Charles Stuart and his flowers as they escape from the Roundheads. (79 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Evening Shade 20:55 Jake and the Nimitz 21:45 Law and Order 22:30 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King - Live 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Science and Technology magazine 17:15 On the Side of Justice 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today - News in Russian 20:00 Arabat news 20:15 Teleshock 21:15 Best Intentions - Four-part series based on the parents of Swedish film director Ingmar Bergman 22:45 International Crime - documentary series 23:15 Inside Stuff 00:00 CloseDown

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Alpine Academy 18:30 Radio Ekani 19:30 Jewish philosophy today 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Family Album 21:00 70 Faces 21:30 The Human Animal 22:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son

FAMILY CHANNEL (2)

8:00 Falcon Crest (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Negra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 13:00 The Young and the Restless (pt) 13:30 Starting at 13:14-10 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Neighbors 21:40 Renaissance 22:30 The New Untouchables 23:20 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Sweet Justice 10:20 Rosie O'Donnell 2:10 Return to Eden 3:05 Robin's Club 3:50 Paris - action series

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

12:00 Mission to Monte Carlo (1981) - Playboys become mixed up with a counterfeiting ring (pt) 14:45 The Rage of Paris (1938) - A couple of fast-talkers and a Parisian woman trap her husband with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Danielle Darrieux. Directed by Henri Koster (77 mins.) 16:00 4 Squared - next week's movies 16:10 For Those I Love (1983) - based on the true story of Martin Grey, who lost his family in the Holocaust (pt) 16:35 La Fracture de la Myocarde (1990, French) - the classmates of a 12-year-old boy try to

keep his mother's death a secret. (pt) 20:20 King Ralph (1991) - A Las Vegas entertainer inherits the throne of England. With John Goodman and Peter Onof. Directed by David S. Ward (92 mins.) 21:50 4 Squared - next week's movies 22:50 The Babysitter (1995) - Alicia Silverstone stars as the girl everybody wants (85 mins.) 23:35 The Lover (1992, French) - love story of a 15-year-old French girl and an older Chinese man. (pt) 1:30 Friday the 13th, Part 2 (1981) - Jason, the murderous zombie, is back (83 mins.) 2:55 Prudence to Love (1995) - a young couple acquire a modeling agency (90 mins.) 4:25 Georgia (1986) - a woman trying to find out the true story of her past.

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Professor Iris 9:30 Robinson Sucroe 9:40 Gastman 10:15 The Milky Way 10:50 Chiquititas 11:45 Step by Step 12:15 VR Troopers 12:50 Harry and the Hendersons 13:30 Hugo 14:05 Professor Iris (pt) 15:10 Batman (pt) 15:45 The Milky Way (pt) 16:20 Chiquititas (pt) 17:10 Step by Step (pt) 17:45 VR Troopers (pt) 18:20 Hugo and the Hendersons (pt) 19:00 Hugo (pt) 19:30 Threes's Company 20:00 Marned with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:15 Drop the Dead Donkey

SECOND SHOWING (5)

22:00 Decline of Western Civilization (1969) - documentary of the punk and new wave scene in Los Angeles. Directed by Penelope Spheeris (95 mins.) 23:40 The Furies (1950) - the complex relationship between an aging rancher and his daughter. With Walter Huston and Barbara Stanwyck. Directed by Anthony Mann (108 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 The Panda: Awakening Giant (pt) 13:00 Future Quest (pt) 13:30 Ancient Warriors (pt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 The Panda: Awakening Giant (pt) 17:00 Future Quest (pt) 17:30 Ancient Warriors (pt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Portrait of Nature 20:30 The Wild South 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Des Plaines at Des Plaines 22:00 Alexander Nevsky 00:00 Hello Photo 1:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Selma Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 10:00 SuperShop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street - live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Europe Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 Selma Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Baseball 00:00 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the

Professor 7:00 Mr. Selvedore 7:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 13:30 E! TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 The Black Stallion 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Leave It to Charlie 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 21 Jump Street 18:30 The X-Files 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Twilight Zone 21:30 Beverly Hills 90210 22:30 The Fall Guy 23:30 E! TV 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hoopeman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 18:00 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Games of Order: European Cup soccer (pt) 17:00 Beach Volleyball 18:00 Pro Football 20:30 Thai Boxing 21:00 WWF 22:00 Game to Order: South American soccer 23:00 to be announced

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Asia Sports Show 6:30 Gillette World Sport 7:00 Tennis: Wimbledon (pt) 13:00 International Motor Sports Magazine 14:00 Squash 15:00 Golf: Omega Tournament 16:00 Tennis: WTT 17:00 Soccer 22:30 Cricket 1:30 Gillette World Sport

BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 The Tourist (pt) 10:05 Under the Blue Flag (pt) 11:30 Auction - documentary on Sotheby's (pt) 12:10 Top Gear 15:05 Horizon (pt) 16:30 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 Times Out: More Rhodes Around Britain (pt) 18:05 The Tourist (pt) 18:30 The Contenders (pt) 22:05 Correspondent (pt) 23:30 Tomorrow's World 00:00 World News and Business Report

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Mozart: Symphony no 36 "Linz"; Brahms: Trio for horn op 40; Mussorgsky-Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition; Max Bruch: Scottish Fantasy; Gilbert and Sullivan: excerpts from The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance and other operettas 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod 14:06 Encore - Artur Schnabel 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Telerman: Ino dramatic cantata; Mozart: String quartet in G, K.387; Tchaikovsky: Piano trio op 5018:00 New CDs - Arrigo Bortol: Mefistofele opera in four acts, part 2 (soloists/La Scala/Muti) 20:05 From the Recording Studio - Tomer Lev (piano), Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor; Tomer Lev: Metamorphosis (1997); Brahms: 8 pieces op 75 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 The Art of the Song

CINEMA

a.m., 5, 7 * The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 * Dracula, Dead and Loving It 11 a.m., 5 * Toy Story (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 * RAV-OR 1-3 = 824653 [OS] Now and Then 11 a.m., 5 * Them+Devil in a Blue Dress 7, 9:15 * Jumanji 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:15 * Toy Story (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 * Now and Then 11 a.m., 5 * AFULA RAV CHEN = 6424047 White Squall+Mighty Aphrodite 7, 9:30 * Jumanji 11 a.m., 5, 7, 9:30 * Ace Ventura+Toy Story (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5 * ARAD STAR = 950804 Fargo+The Tie That Binds 7:45, 10 * Barb Wire 10 * The Last Dance 7:45

ARIEL The Birdcage 8:30 HADARA ASHDOO G.G. GIL = 8647202 White Squall+Strange Days 4:30, 7:15, 10 * American Quilt+The Birdcage+Operation Dumbo Drop 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. GIL = 711223 Now and Sensibility+Primal Fear 4:30, 7:15, 10 * Jumanji 5, 7:30, 10 * ASHKELON G.G. GIL 729977 White Squall+The Birdcage+American Quilt 5, 7:30, 10 * Primal Fear+Strange Days 4:30, 7:15, 10 * RAV CHEN = 711223 Now and Them+Jumanji 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 * Dracula, Dead and Loving It+Toy Story (Hebrew dialogue)+Ace Ventura 11 a.m., 5 * The Last Dance+The Juror+Devil in a Blue Dress 7:30, 9:45

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KARMIEL CINEMA 1-3 = 887277 Devil in Blue Dress 9:30 * Jumanji 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 * Star Men 7:15, 9:15 ATZMON 1-5 = 8673003 Primal Fear+Strange Days+White Squall 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 * The Birdcage 4:30, 7, 9:15 * CINEMA CAFE MORIAH = 824277 Birds in Neutral 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 CINEMATHEQUE = 8383424 Tuxid Sta Kithira 7 * Golden Eye 9:30 ONLY = 8381868 Sense and Sensibility 6:30, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 = 8382020 Les Miserables 6, 9 * Fargo 4:30, 7, 9:30 * American Quilt 4:30, 7, 9:30 * Little Giants+Jurassic Park+Riche Rite 11 a.m. RAV-GAT 1-2 = 8674311 [OS] The Hunchback of Notre Dame (English dialogue) 7, 9:15 * CINEMA CAFE MORIAH = 824277 Birds in Neutral 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 CINEMATHEQUE = 8383424 Tuxid Sta Kithira 7 * Golden Eye 9:30 ONLY = 8381868 Sense and Sensibility 6:30, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 = 8382020 Les Miserables 6, 9 * Fargo 4:30, 7, 9:30 * American Quilt 4:30, 7, 9:30 * Little Giants+Jurassic Park+Riche Rite 11 a.m. RAV-GAT 1-2 = 8674311 [OS] The Hunchback of Notre Dame (English dialogue) 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Hungarian reparations plan hailed as model for E. Europe

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Hungary said yesterday it had agreed to help its 20,000 Holocaust survivors and return confiscated Jewish property in a plan Jewish groups hailed as a model for eastern Europe.

"This agreement is a landmark," Israel Singer, secretary-general of the US-based World Jewish Congress (WJC), told Reuters. "It is literally the first serious east European attempt by a government which made promises for a long time and which were finally fulfilled."

He said Jewish groups could have held out for a better deal but this would have been pointless given the mean age of Holocaust survivors is now 74.

"This is a model for eastern European restitution...It is the last chapter of World War II being written," Singer said.

Some 600,000 of Hungary's 800,000 Jews perished in Nazi labor or concentration camps. There are 100,000 Jews in Hungary today, including 20,000 Holocaust survivors.

Hungary was obliged under the Treaty of Paris in 1947 to make restitution of Jewish property, but the Communist government which took power the next year ended the agreement and nationalized many of the properties. Fresh efforts to secure restitution began after the collapse of communism in 1989.

The Finance Ministry in a statement said representatives of Hungarian and international Jewish groups and the government had agreed on Tuesday night

to establish a foundation to administer confiscated Jewish properties and art treasures for the benefit of Hungarian Jews who survived the Holocaust.

The government will contribute four billion forints (\$27 million) in compensation coupons, which are vouchers issued in lieu of confiscated property, to the foundation and would also provide cash to support its operations, the statement said.

"This will secure an additional income for the survivors of the Holocaust and the use of the property will be exclusively within Hungary," the statement said. It said parliament would approve the necessary legislation later this year.

Singer said the foundation would have a 19-member board and its chairman would be Ronald Lauder, son of cosmetics tycoon Estee Lauder and a leading light of the US Jewish community.

Singer said the \$50 a month extra that survivors will receive would help them appreciably.

He said Jewish groups from abroad planned to contribute to the foundation. He also said only former communal properties such as schools and synagogues would be turned over to the fund. Suits to recover confiscated private property were not affected.

"They [Prime Minister Gyula Horn's government] understand that this makes them a Western country," Singer said. "They have taken a question that has bothered this entire region and removed it as best as anyone can to fix that terrible period."



Posters on Jerusalem's Rehov Strauss yesterday call for the firing of the 'ultra-leftist' OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, 'who continues to issue orders for the detention without trial of 30 right-wing activists.' (Ariel Jozelowski)

WEATHER

Haifa	29-30
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Dead Sea	27-44
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AROUND THE WORLD

Location	Low	High	Cloud
London	15	20	partly
Paris	16	21	partly
Rome	18	23	partly
Moscow	12	18	partly
Delhi	28	35	partly
Tokyo	22	28	partly
Sydney	18	24	partly
Auckland	12	18	partly
Los Angeles	18	24	partly
San Francisco	15	21	partly
Chicago	18	24	partly
New York	18	24	partly
Hong Kong	25	31	partly
Beijing	22	28	partly
Manila	25	31	partly
Seoul	22	28	partly
Bangkok	25	31	partly
Colombo	25	31	partly
Perth	18	24	partly
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Wellington	12	18	partly
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Amos opens for business on the high frontier

STEVE RODAN

THE Amos I communications satellite became a commercial venture yesterday, as Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) executives moved to wrap up a deal with a major international cable broadcaster.

The Amos has been operational since Monday, and has met all the criteria set by the Communications Ministry for commercial broadcasting. The satellite was launched on an Ariane rocket booster from French Guiana on May 16, and can service the Middle East and Central Europe.

Now IAI executives say the focus is on securing clients. The government has guaranteed to lease three of its seven transponders, and a new customer is Hungary's Antenne company, which broadcasts a video signal in that central European country.

European and Asian broadcasters. "Until the satellite was launched and the orbit was set," Rosenfeld said, "potential clients wouldn't commit themselves. Now we're flooded by faxes."

The life of the one-ton satellite had been estimated at 10 years. But IAI executives said careful preparation at the launch saved a significant amount of fuel and the Amos - in geostationary orbit at an altitude of 36,000 km - may be able to operate for an extra 12 months.

Amos's seven transponders will be used mostly for television broadcasting, but it will also provide services for cable TV, Internet and cellular phones. The \$200 million spacecraft will provide a link between hospitals and mobile medical units, and between earthquake detection stations and seismology centers.

Amos's marketing is being done by SpaceCom, which now wants to sign a deal with the US cable broadcaster HBO for transmission to the Middle East. The leading competitor for the contract is a European firm, Copernicus, and IAI executives expect HBO to reach a decision within the next two weeks.

Currently, the main subcontractors of Amos are Daimler-Benz Aerospace from Germany and Alcatel Espace from France. Rosenfeld said Amos is now garnering serious interest by

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, seven of hearts, seven of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

Study: 'African AIDS' no more virulent than European type

JUDY SIEGEL

THE African sub-type of the HIV virus is not more virulent than the European sub-type found in most Israeli AIDS patients, Kaplan Hospital researchers have discovered.

This finding, to be explained at the next World AIDS Conference in Vancouver, was disclosed yesterday by Prof. Zvi Bentwich, who is establishing a National Center for AIDS Research and Treatment at Kaplan.

Bentwich said that after following two separate groups of HIV carriers for four years, it became clear that the structure of the subtypes was different, but that the African one was not more aggressive or faster acting. Another Kaplan study has found that overcoming parasitic diseases and other infections in AIDS patients reduces the devastation of AIDS.

Kaput Holim Clalit's national center, whose building will be completed at Kaplan within a year, will coordinate AIDS prevention, treatment and research in a single location - but it will not take the place of smaller facilities around the country.

The center will enlist the aid of researchers and pharmaceutical companies, and serve as a focus for international congresses, as well as an advanced-training center. It has contacts with AIDS education groups in Egypt and Jordan, and will educate medical staff here on AIDS prevention.

The new center will include inpatient and outpatient areas, plus a unit for dental and ophthalmological care and dietary counseling.

NEWS IN BRIEF

50% rise in use of Arava Crossing

A total of 140,000 people - Israelis, Jordanians and foreign tourists - have crossed the Israel-Jordan border at the Arava Crossing, near Eilat, during the first six months of 1996, the Transport Ministry said yesterday.

This is 50 percent increase compared with the first half of 1995. The ministry also noted that more than 300 vehicles have crossed the border. In addition, over 60 trucks have carried freight between the two countries. Among the most common products are sheep, dairy products, and textiles, the ministry said. *Haim Shapiro*

Swimming banned at several beaches

The Health Ministry has barred bathing at the Shikma, Asbalim, and Tzanim beaches on the Gaza coast and the Poleg beach in Netanya until further notice, due to pollution. The ministry said that the quality of most of the other beaches in the country is "very good." Regional councils in the Tiberias, Migdal, Eilat, Gan Raviv, and Hof Hacarmel areas failed to conduct water tests at some 20 beaches, contrary to instructions by the ministry. *Judy Siegel*

Stiffer penalties for parking in spots for disabled

From today, drivers who park in spaces reserved for the disabled are to receive not only a considerable fine, NIS 330, but also a message reading: "Don't park in my space - you wouldn't want to be in my place. This is the fruit of a campaign by the Roof Organization of Disabled Organizations and Unaffiliated Disabled in cooperation with the police, the Local Authorities Union, and Joint-Israel." *Haim Shapiro*

Forest fire danger

The Nature Reserves Authority yesterday called on hikers, farmers and IDF forces to be careful when handling fire, due to the current heat wave.

Fires have destroyed thousands of dunams of forest in nature reserves over the past few months, mostly in the north. Most of the fires were caused by negligence by hikers, and the IDF's failure to follow rules regarding live-fire exercises during hot weather. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Rabies in Petah Tikva area

The Petah Tikva was declared a rabies danger zone yesterday, after a fox infected with the disease bit two dogs on Moshav Baretet. Sixty people who came into contact with the dogs received rabies vaccinations yesterday. One of the dogs wandered about for three days and was in contact with other dogs. *Itim*

QUIT

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considerable concessions to allow the creation of Sharon's portfolio.

This meeting was followed by the creation of a committee within the NRP to come up with a solution. Included on it were Levy, and MKs Hanan Porat and Zvi Handel. One notion they came up with was that Levy yield much of his Energy portfolio in return for the NRP getting the first turn at the Religious Affairs Ministry, which it is supposed to share with Shas in a rotation agreement. This was immediately shot down by Shas.

The impression last night was that after Levy's ultimatum, the coalition partners will be far more amenable to concessions. Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan noted that he had already agreed to cede to the long-term water resources planning division, and Shas's Interior Ministry is willing to yield departments.

United Torah Judaism, however, continued to speak in two voices. Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush, of its Agudat Yisrael faction, refused to consider

Cellular phone users liable to be legally overheard

RAINE MARCUS

ANYONE who talks on a cellular phone should be aware that the conversation may be overheard. This was the precedent-setting decision of three Tel Aviv District Court judges as they upheld a private investigator's appeal against conviction on wiretapping charges.

Private investigator Dov Tal was convicted in the city's Magistrate's court of using a scanner to listen to the cellular phone conversations of Securities Authority chairman Aryeh Menkevitch and journalist Yoav Yitzhak. The conversations were recorded and transferred to Tal's brother-in-law,

accountant Ika Bash. The offenses were committed prior to any decisive ruling as to whether tapping cellular phones was illegal. Last year a new law prohibited the tapping of cellular phones and walkie-talkies, but since Tal's offenses were committed before the legislation was passed, the disposition of his case should be based on the old law, ruled the judges.

Accountant Ika Bash worked with Dovrat Shrem, among others, and during a raid by Securities Authorities and

police, tapes containing the conversations of Menkevitch and Yitzhaki were found at his home.

To prove his case, Tal cited an incident in which Tel Aviv's narcotics squad used a sophisticated scanner to overhear a south Lebanese drug dealer's conversations. The machine was manufactured by ECI, and one of its marketing managers was indicted last week for commissioning private investigators Ya'acov Tsur and Rafi Friedan to tap cellular phones. The manager

sought to prove that inside information on a Ministry of Defense tender was being given to a rival company by a ministry buyer and an IAF officer. The machine was given to Tsur and Friedan as payment, and lent to police for experimental purposes.

Yesterday's ruling is expected to be adopted by those indicted in the media wiretapping affair, including *Ma'ariv* publisher Ofer Nimrodi, former *Yedioth* editor Moshe Vardi, and several private investigators and businessmen who have been charged or who are awaiting charges of tapping cellular phones.

Meretz wants probe of 'Likud violations' of Party Funding

EVELYN GORDON

MERETZ'S Young Guard yesterday asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to investigate what they say are apparent violations of the Party Funding Law by the Likud and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Such violations are normally the province of the state comptroller, who prepares a report on violations of the Party Funding Law after every election. However, Meretz spokeswoman Doline Peretz said the party wanted a criminal investigation immediately, without waiting for the comptroller's report. Only

the attorney-general can order a criminal investigation, though the comptroller can recommend one.

The request is based on press reports of two affairs connected with the campaign. One involves the payment of the salary of Netanyahu's campaign adviser, Arthur Finkelstein, by a foreign donor, which violates the law.

The second deals with the "Netanyahu - It's good for the Jews" campaign. According to

Youth convicted of murdering Haifa psychologist

NEW

A 17-YEAR-OLD from the western Galilee was convicted of the December 1994 murder of Haifa psychologist Eliezer Levy, 53, by Haifa District Court yesterday.

The defendant had claimed self-defense, insisting he stabbed Levy five times after the psychologist tried to sexually assault him.

The youth, who stole things from Levy's apartment, drove off in his car and eventually torched it, was also convicted of theft, auto theft, driving without a license, and arson.

He was apprehended when police traced items stolen from Levy back to him. Sentencing was postponed pending a report from the police Youth Division. *(Itim)*

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